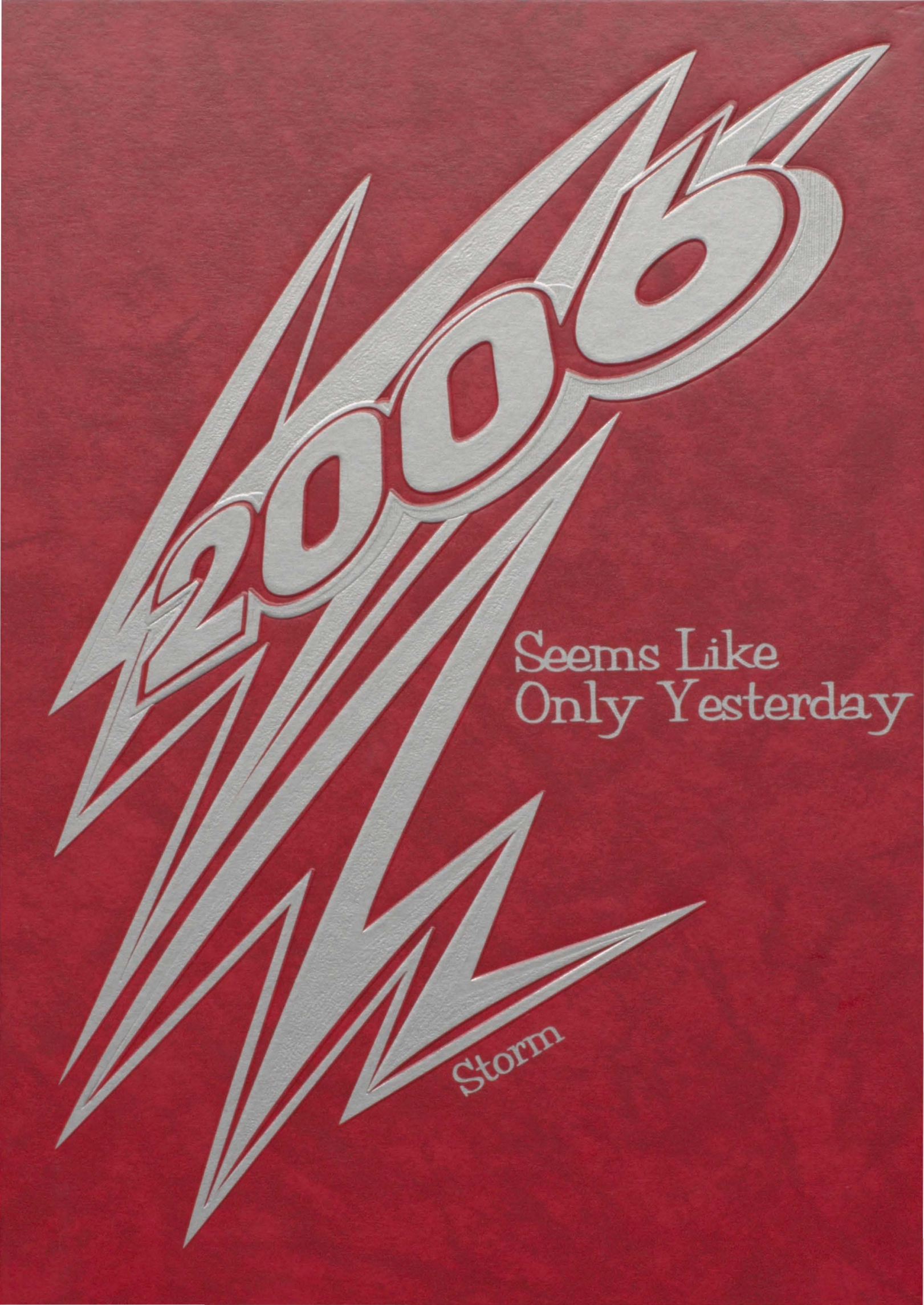
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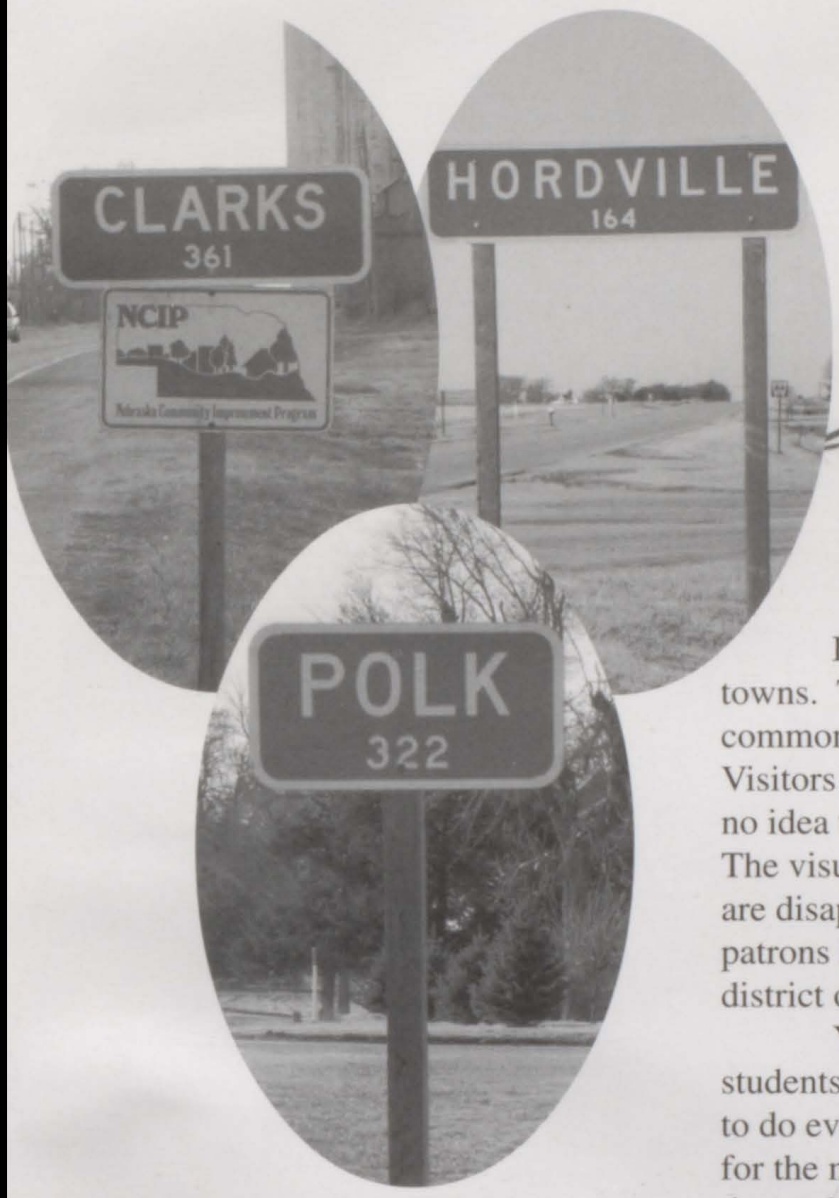

It seems like only yesterday we were three towns. These communities have come together with a common bond and created High Plains Community. Visitors coming into our school these days, would have no idea that this was a merged school of just six years. The visual signs that there once were multiple schools are disappearing. The students, teachers, parents and patrons have all come together to make this school district one of the best.

Yes, it seems like only yesterday that all these students were once small children wanting their parents to do everything for them. Now, they have all grown up for the most part and would rather do everything for themselves. High Plains Community School has created many memories that will remain with us for many years to come.

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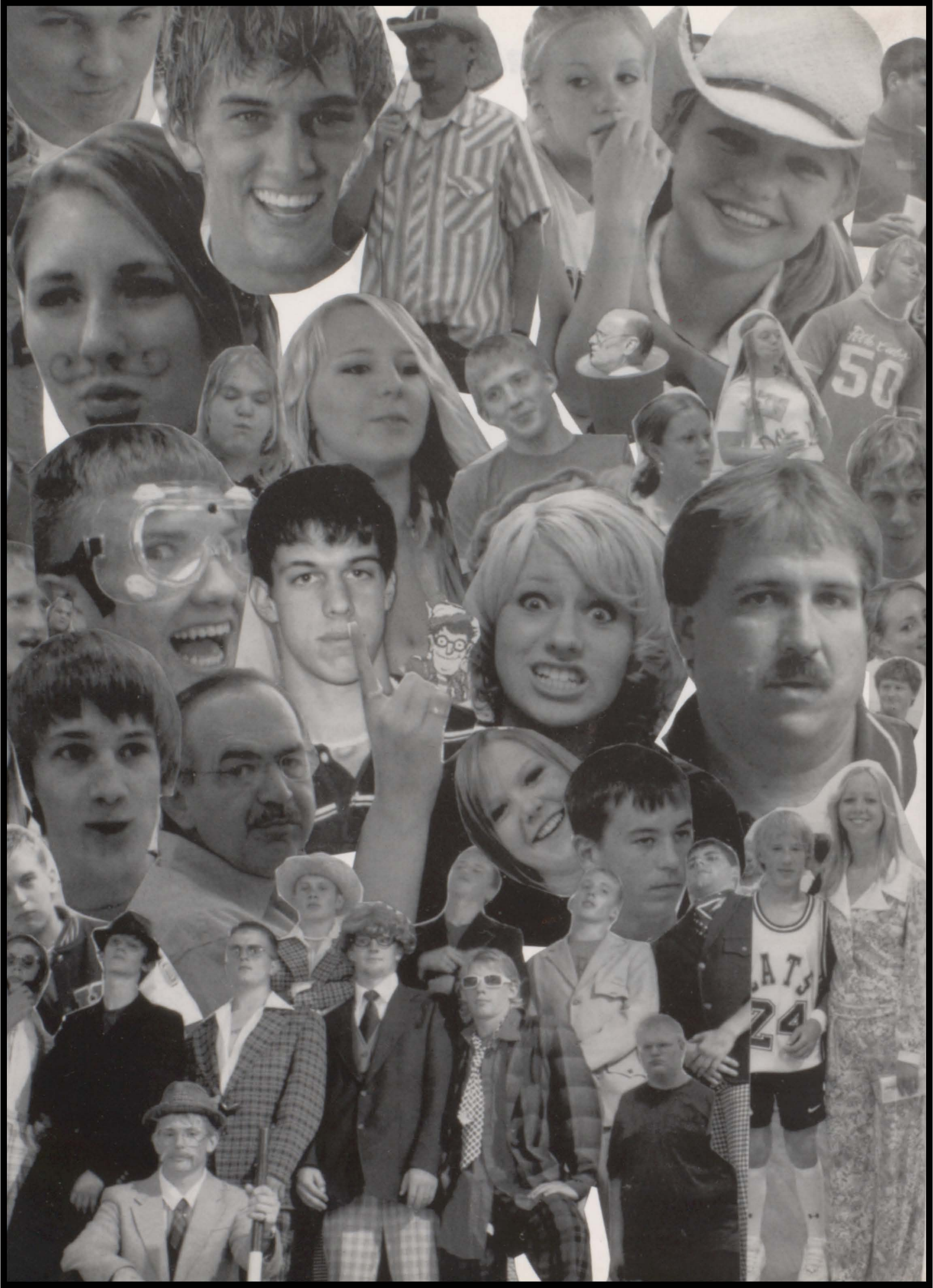
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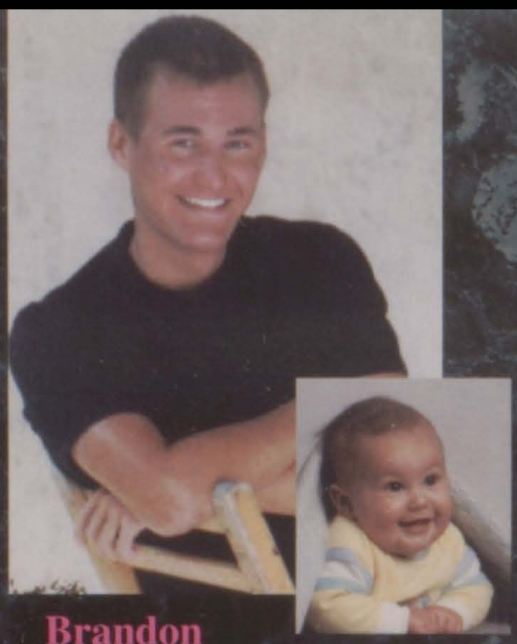

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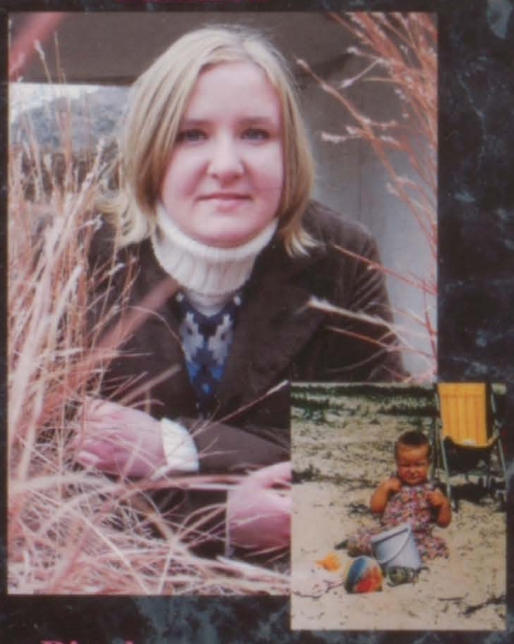

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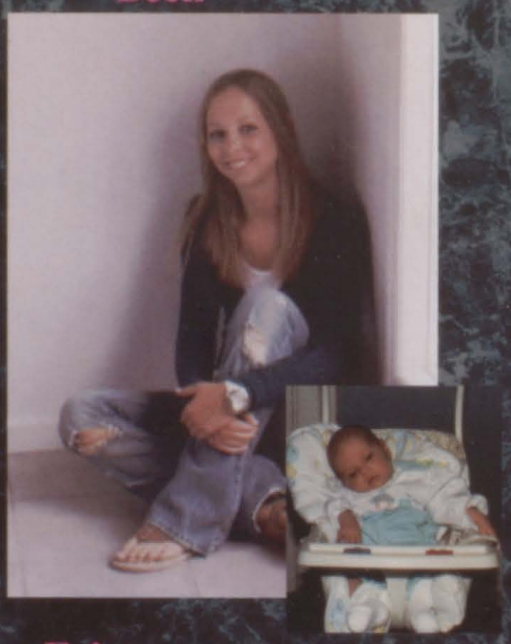

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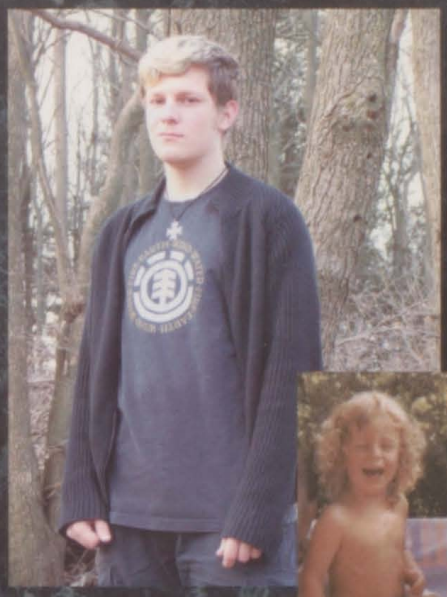

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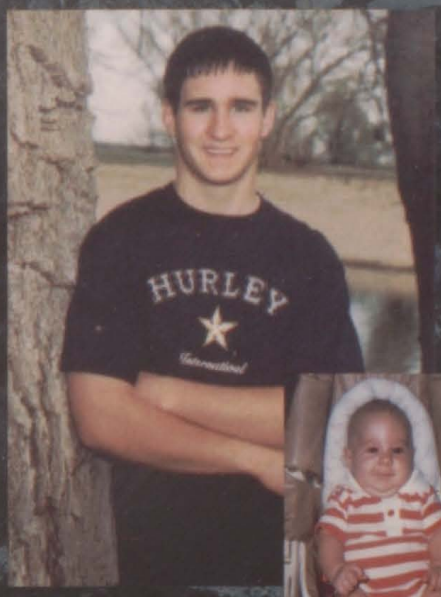

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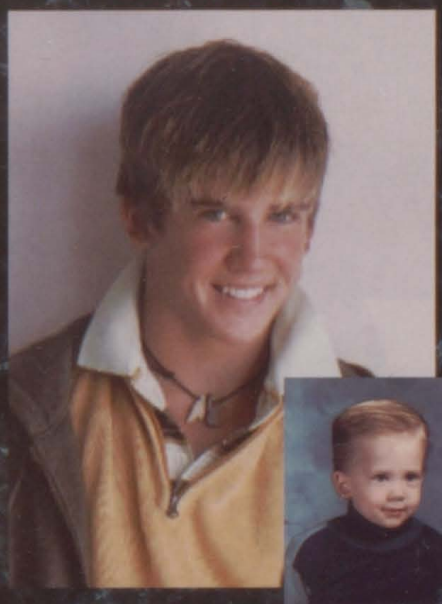

Joshua Husdon

John Lindgren

Stephen Opfer

Calvin Rahrs

Class of 2006

Everyone loves their senior year of high school. You are finally at the top of the school and can usually get away with most things. This year is especially important knowing that each game, competition, concert, dance, prom and every other event will be the last one of your high school career. The time sure flies by when you're having fun.

So we will leave the underclassmen with this advice: Work hard, play harder, try not to get into too much trouble, and enjoy your high school years because they go by faster than you think.

Brent Scherer

Josh Hohnholt

John Lindgren

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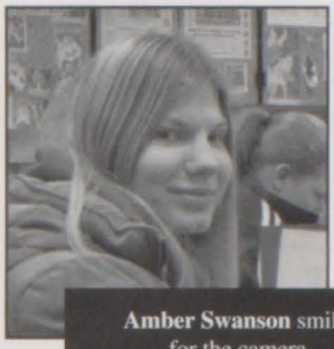
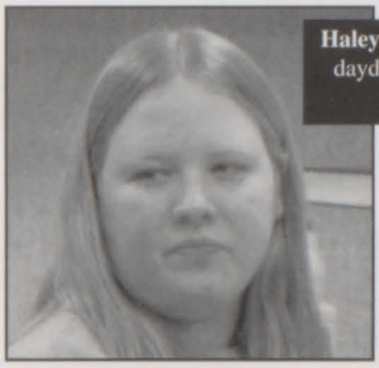
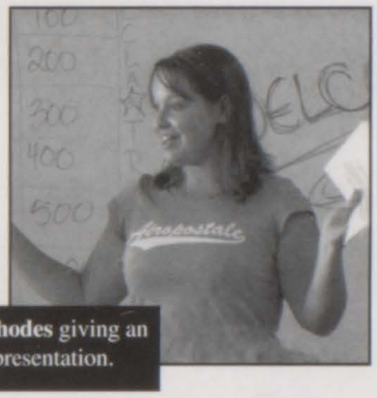
Bianka Hain trying to figure out the American Government worksheets.



Amber Swanson smiles for the camera.



Haley Stromberg daydreaming in class.

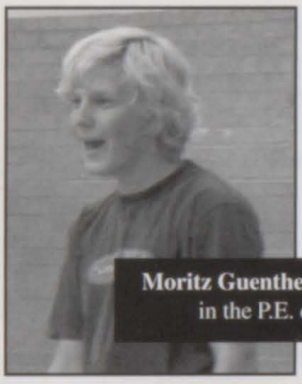


Christina Rhodes giving an exciting presentation.

It's all relative

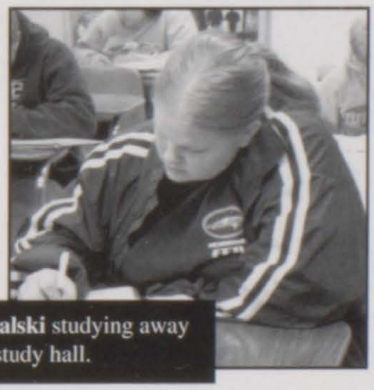
Brandon Bankson, **Josh Hudson**, and **Drew Rodine** are cousins.

and **Meghan** and **Erin Hammond** are twin sisters.



Moritz Guenther laughing at the poor serve in the P.E. class volleyball game.

Dani Sneed thinking deeply.



Tiffany Kowalski studying away in study hall.

Lauren Redman

Christopher Reed

Christina Rhodes

Kelli Stevens

Ashley Strobel

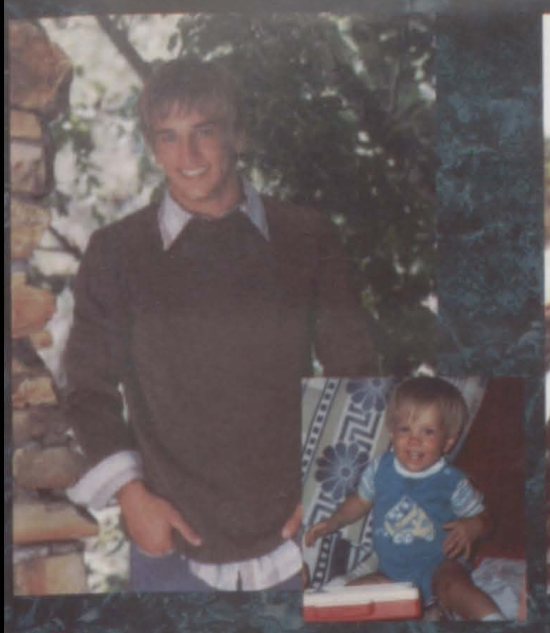
Haley Stromburg

Color
Pink, Black, and Silver

Flower
Gerbera Daisy

Flower Song
Far Away

Motto
"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams"



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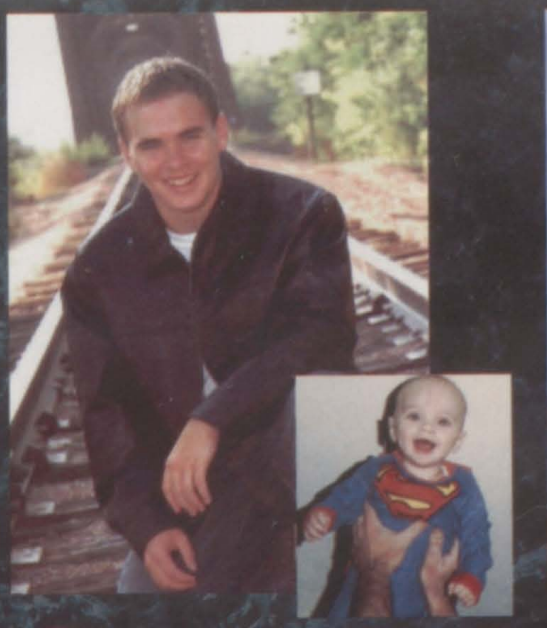

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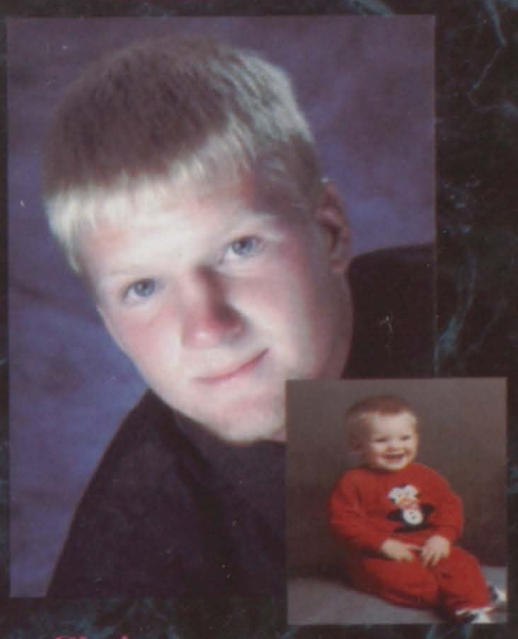
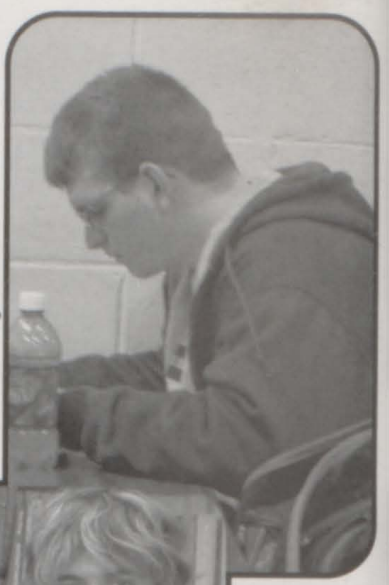


Chris Ziemba

The Junior year is one of the busiest years of high school. From selling magazines, getting everything organized for prom, and getting ready for their senior year. From when they first met, back in sixth grade, they have made many memories that will never be forgotten. Some this year, for example: How all their volleyball games felt like Halloween; when Kylie dyed her hair green; when Skye ran full speed into a wire not knowing it was there after a basketball game; eating Jr. Bacon Cheeseburgers, Spaghetti O's, Subways, and Spaghetti during school; the time Hana ran into a fence at a softball game; and all the car trips to all the away games.

Class Officers for their class were:
President - Justin Blase
Vice President - Tara Tonniges
St. Council Representive - Kylie Shoup
Secretary - Kendra Stevens
and Treasurer - Todd Schultz

Above: **Isaac Samuelson** enjoying his green-apple lollipop.



Right: Is **Adam Meyer** studying his school work or the Mountain Dew ingredients?

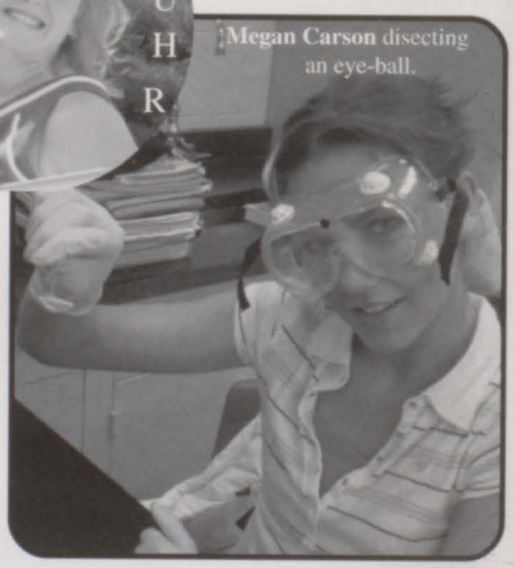
Right: **Kevin Church** comforting a sad **Cody Means**.

Above: **Jonella Yrkoski** studying.

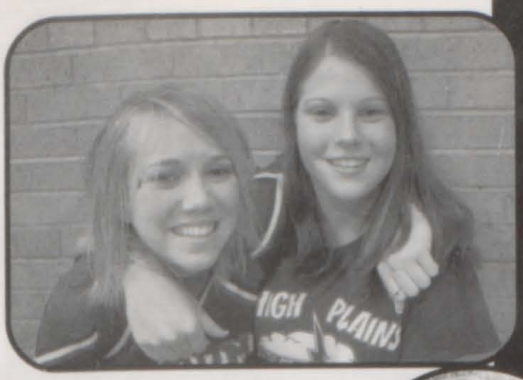
Right: **Trevor Labarge** keeping his pop all to himself.

Below: **Megan Burruss** daydreaming in class.

Hana Lindburg, **Ashley Boltz**, and **Nicole Davis** flipping through magazines.



Megan Carson disecting an eye-ball.



Tara Tonniges and **Kendra Stevens** smiling for the camera.

Thomas Thies is waiting for the bounce pass.

Juniors :

whats your favorite . . . ?

"My Favorite car is a BMW"
- Ryan Rathjen

"My favorite person is Tara Tonniges."
- Kylie Shoup

"My favorite disorder is A.D.D., because... Hey! Let's go ride bikes."
- Justin Blase

"My favorite kind of pudding is chocolate."
- Hungry Skye Hejtmanek

"My favorite fast food restaurant is Wendy's."
- Dillon Neilson

Class of 2007

Class of 2008

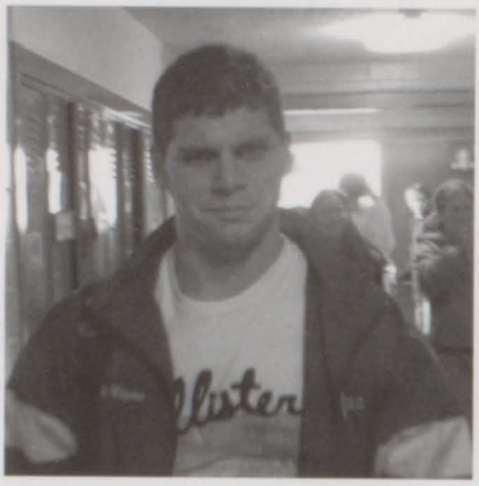
Sophomores

It seems like only yesterday that these class members were entering their fifth grade classroom at Hordville and trying to figure out where they were in life. Now they find themselves in the middle of their high school years trying to figure out where they're going in life. During the year they start thinking about their last two years and begin raising money for prom and graduation.

Activities during the year involved competing as a class for homecoming festivities and a food drive. The class officers that helped out during the year were: President Amanda Hanquist, Vice President Jesse Dubas, Secretary Brooke Engel, Treasurer Marcus Bender, and Student Council Representative Caleb Church. Their class sponsor was Mrs. Garrett.

What was your best memory this year?
Anthony Beck:
"The five times Mr.Arasmith told me he was going to tow my hepa-jeep."

Working hard in computers class.



"What do you want?" askes **Mike Wagoner**.

Scott Holtorf and **Matt Lampshire** looking innocent.

David Oliver, Brooke Engel, and **Amanda Hanquist** walking, in the snow, back from class .

The Sophomore Class

"Look at this!" says **Nick Gustafson** and **Kyle Hohnholt.**

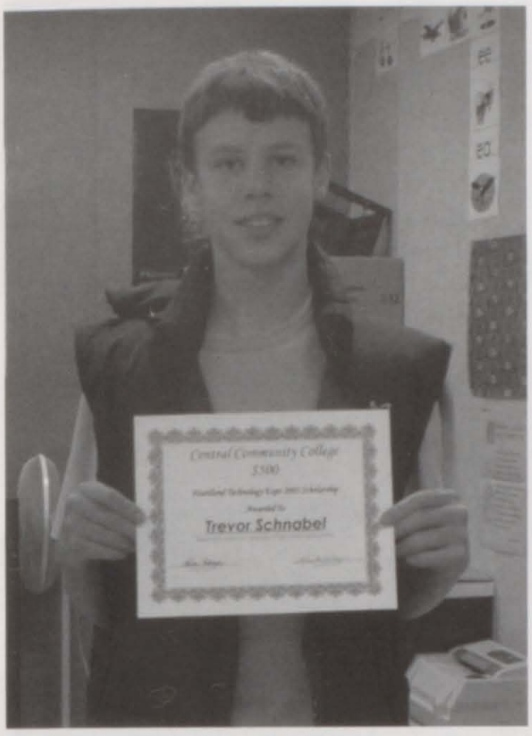
Clete Vrbka thinking about the big football game tonight.

"What are you up to **Marcus Bender**"?

Mary Ziemba thinking hard.

"Are you hungry **Joe Ditloff**"?

Karlie Blase and **Alison Veburg** show their school spirit.



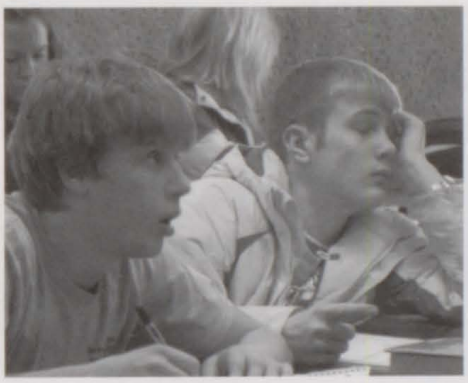
Trevor Schnabel showing his scholarship from the Heartland Technology Expo at Central Community College in Grand Island.

Is **Derek Rodine** really reading or is he sleeping?

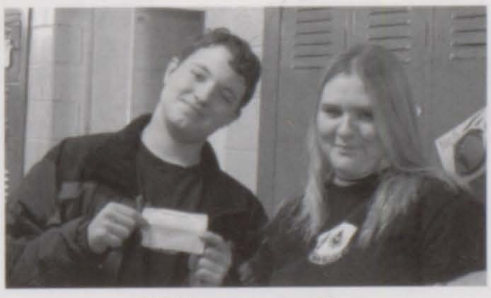
"Get back to class **Nate Hoffman**".

"What are you laughing at **Lacey Stromberg** and **Sarah Hammond**"?

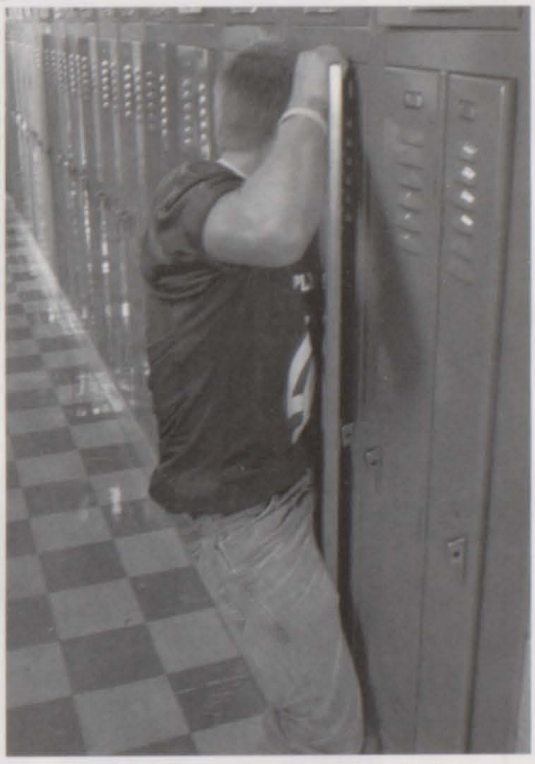
"Smile, **Jeremiah Reyner**"!



Caleb Church and **Jesse Dubas** look excited in what they're learning in Biology.



"We've got a pass!" says **Grant Friesen** and **Sarah Staniec**.

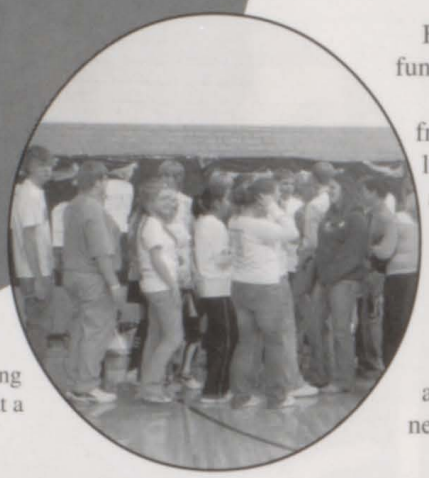


Jesse Dubas taking a "timeout" from his busy schedule.

Freshmen Class of 2009

It seems like only yesterday that this class was meeting for the first time back in fourth grade and having to make friends with all of these new classmates but now here they are in their freshmen year and have combined to make High Plains Community's freshmen class. Class of 2009.

Freshmen year is a year full of new experiences from new classes, clubs, sports and adjusting to new buildings. One of the first things that they do is elect class officers: President Robert Klingsporn, Vice President Ashley Fleming, St. Council Representative Haley Strobel, Secretary Luke Samuelson, Treasurer Meagan Sundberg.



The freshmen class going to do their class cheer at a pep rally.

Freshmen are less concerned with class fundraising, but yet many fond memories from the year are formed. A few memories that the freshmen recall are: Terry dropping his tray at lunch in front of everyone, homecoming dance, a day when it was icy out and Grace slipped and fell between classes, everyone's support for clubs and sports, Cheyanne getting a $119 speeding ticket, when Joe and Carl ran into each other. These are memories that the freshmen class will never forget. Six years ago they would have never known how many new friends and experiences that they would all have as High Plains Community.

Back row: Meagan Sundberg, Cheyanne Schultz, Haley Strobel, Ashley Fleming, Tyler Rathjen, Joe Fowler, Luke Samuelson, Corbey Grause, Carl Rahrs, Terry Bankson, Robert Klingsporn, and Calvin Shively.
Front row: Heather Reimers, Thania Sanchez, Kaleigh Baloun, Amber Karren, Britny Kava, Anna Swanson, Josh Fitzgerald, Rebecca Geidal, Mitch Kobza, Tanner Kuhn and Adam Danklesen.

Question:

What is your favorite thing about freshmen year?

Corbey Grause
Sports

Heather Reimers
Classes

FRESHMEN

CLASS OF 2009

Grace Edson best Gene Simmons impression.

Adam Dankelsen not wanting to dance at homecoming.

Thania Sanchez taking a time out from wood working to show off her smile.

Anna Swanson working hard in study hall.

Carl Rahrs caught red-handed.

Aaron Blase wondering if someone needs a diaper change.

Britny, **Cheyanne**, **Haley**, **Meagan**, and **Becca** show off their beautiful smiles.

Tyler Rathjen doing a dance.

Calvin Shively looking to the sidelines for a sub.

Ashley Fleming enjoying her book.

Amanda Dent staring down **Kaleigh Baloun**.

Terry Bankson and **Robert Klingsporn** taking a break from P.E. to smile.

Amber Karren showing off her taebo moves.

Josh Weese, **Josh Fitzgerald**, and **Luke Samuelson** pose for the camera.

Mitch Kobza showing us his wood working skills.

Joe Fowler shows off his female side.

Mindy Kowalski waiting for the next play.

Tanner Kuhn just woke up to take a picture.

Meagan Sundberg showing her guns.

FRESHMAN CLASS OF 2009

KALEIGH BALOUN

TERRY BANKSON

AARON BLASE

ADAM DANKLESEN

AMANDA DENT

GRACE EDSON

JOSH FITZGERALD

TANNER KUHN

CARL RAHRS

TYLER RATHJEN

HEATHER REIMERS

LUKE SAMUELSON

THANIA SANCHEZ

CHEYANNE SCHULTZ

CALVIN SHIVELY

SOPHOMORE CLASS OF 2008

MATT ANDERSON

ANTHONY BECK

MARCUS BENDER

KARLIE BLASE

DENISE CARLSTROM

CALEB CHURCH

ERIN DAVIS

KYLE HOHNHOLT

SCOTT HOLTORF

HILIARY KORTUM

MATT LAMPSHIRE

DAVID OLIVER

MICHAEL OPFER

GARRETT REIMERS

JEREMIAH REYNER

CLETE VRBKA

MICHAEL WAGONER

RYAN WILLIAMS

MARY ZIEMBA

KEVIN CHURCH

NICOLE DAVIS

LOGAN GLASSER

SKYE HEJTMANEK

TRAVIS KUHN

TREVOR LABARGE

HANA LINDBURG

CODY MEANS

GARRISON SWANSON

THOMAS THIES

TARA TONNIGES

JONELLA YRKOSKI

ASHLEY FLEMING

JOE FOWLER

BECCA GEIDEL

CORBEY GRAUSE

BRITNY KAVA

ROBERT KLINGSPORN

MITCH KOBZA

MINDI KOWALSKI

HALEY STROBEL

MEAGAN SUNDBERG

ANNA SWANSON

JOSH WEESE

JOSEPH DITLOFF

JESSE DUBAS

BROOKE ENGEL

GRANT FRIESEN

NIC GUSTAFSON

SARAH HAMMOND

MANDI HANQUIST

NATE HOFFMAN

DEREK RODINE

PATRICIA SAMPLES

TREVOR SCHNABEL

SARAH STANIEC

SEAN STEINKE

LACEY STROMBERG

ALISON VEBURG

TALUS VEST

JUNIORS CLASS OF 2007

NIC BECK

JUSTIN BLASE

ASHLEY BOLTZ

EMILY BUHR

MEGAN BURRUSS

MEGAN CARSON

HEATHER CHURCH

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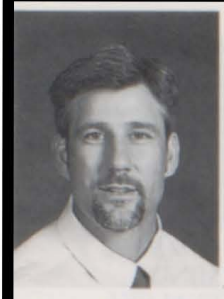
KYLIE SHOUP

KENDRA STEVENS



Cletus Arasmith
Principal

Karol Bankson-Recknor
Speech Pathologist

Teri Beck
4th Grade

Vickie Beck
Media/Tech Support

Karen Benner
MS Reading/English

Bonnie Campbell
5th Grade

Becky Carlstrom
Aide

Barb Church
Secretary

Mike Cotter
MS Science

Harry Cunningham
Guidance Counselor

Linda Dittmer
Cook

Rod Drews
Music/Band

Angie Eberle
Special Education

Cheryl Fowler
Secretary

Darlene Fowler
Cook

Anne Garrett
English/Math

Linda Gilson
FCS

Marla Glasser
Aide

Dennis Gray
Superintendent

Janna Gustafson
Aide

Peg Holtorf
Special Education

Cameron Hudson
Social Studies/Math

Marjorie Johnson
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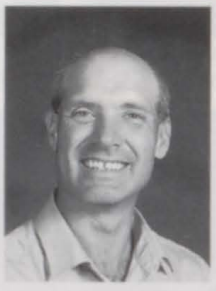
Sharon Johnson
Cook

LeAnn Karmann
Title I

Keith Killion
Social Studies/Art



Joe Krysl
Asst. Tech Support

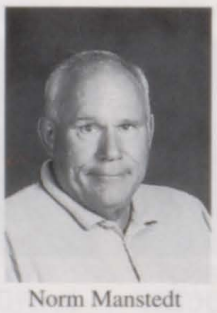
Kelly Lesiak
2nd Grade

Karyee LeSuer
Principal

Dianne L'Heureux
4th Grade

Dorla Lindburg
3rd Grade

Fran Lott
Art



Norm Manstedt
Physical Education

Leigh Metcalf
Spanish

Steve Meyer
Physical Education

Linda Necker
Custodian

Keith Nielson
Vocational Agriculture

James Pekarek
Science

Loretta Pollard
Aide

Sherry Quick
Cook

Tabitha Rieken
1st Grade

Laura Ryan
Mathematics

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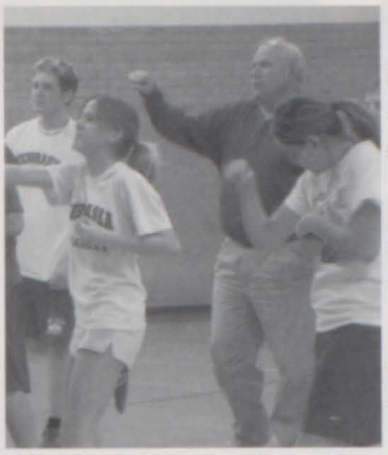


Mr. Manstedt gets into his teaching. He's doing taeboe with his students.

Each year we see adjustments that affect the school. The staff works at trying to keep these changes from effecting the students too much.

This year we welcomed a new high school English teacher, Sue Wilgoski and a new first grade teacher, Tabitha Reiken, along with welcoming back Ms. Campbell in 5th grade and having Ms. Sizer also in a 5th grade classroom.

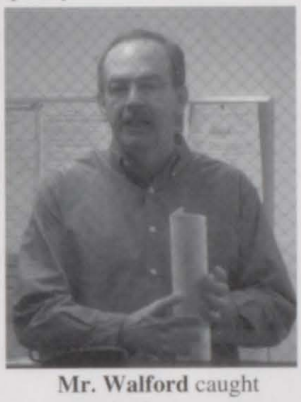
Yet, adjustments will always have to be made due to teachers moving around in the classrooms and more possible retirements.

Some of these staff members aren't sure what's happening at this pep rally.

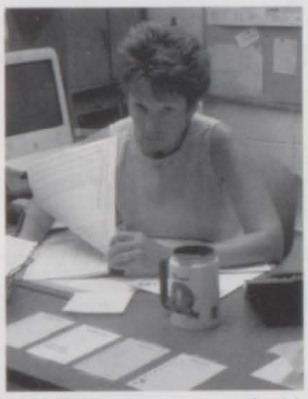
Teri Beck not sure she likes what she is reading at this meeting.

Left: **Harry Cunningham**, our guidance counselor, decided to retire this year. He had given 7 years of service to our district. Thanks Mr. Cunningham.

Mr. Arasmith gets all wrapped up at a pep rally.



Mr. Walford caught in the act.



Jodie Vrbka, secretary at the high school not wanting to be bothered.

Pat Vest and **Laurie Ryan** working some extra duty at a volleyball game.

Cindy Saeger
Cook

Laura Senff
Kindergarten

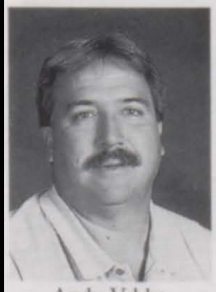
Ellie Sizer
5th Grade

Mary Truesdell
Cook

Deb Ueckert
1st Grade

Léa Veburg
Aide

Pat Vest
Math/Computers



Andy Vrbka
Social Studies

Jodie Vrbka
Secretary

Don Walford
Business

Diane Wiese
Title 1

Donna Werner
Custodians

Sue Wilgocki
English

Not Pictured

Dale Church
- Custodian
Leonard DaMoude
- Custodian
Ilene Dearking
- FCS
Sandra Quiring
- Music

What a hit **Lacey Stromberg**!

Back row: Nic Beck, Caleb Church, Isaac Samuelson, Jesse Dubas, Matthew Anderson, Josh Hohnholt. Front row: Haley Stromberg, Luke Samuelson, Mike Wagoner, Aaron Blase, Lacey Stromberg. Not pictured: Trevor Labarge, Dillon Nielsen, Matt Lampshire.

Luke Samuelson getting ready to tee off.

Haley Stromberg looks at this putt and gets ready to go.

HPC Golf SCOREBOARD

Central City Triangular - 1st
Heartland Lutheran Dual - 1st
Clay Center Invite - 3rd
York JV Dual- 1st
Centura Invite - 6th
CRC - 2nd
Oseola Invite - 2nd
Districts - 5th

Isaac Samuelson deciding how to putt this one.

Matt Lampshire, **Dillon Nielson**, and **Trevor Labarg** taking a break before teeing off.

GOLF

Josh Hohnholt watches as **Aaron Blase** picks up his ball.

Nic Beck tees off at the Central City meet.

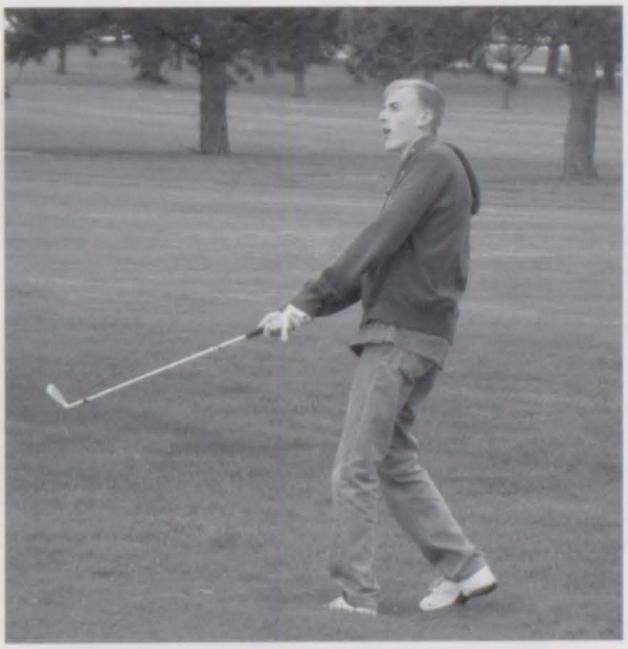
Jesse Dubas sinking the putt.

Did you know? Golf is the second growing sport next to Nascar. Golf season 2006 was a season of ups and downs. The down side saw 20 individuals fighting for 15 spots on the team. In the process of try outs we were hit with two-feet of snow delaying outdoor practice by nearly two weeks and sending the team into competition in less than top form. The up side found us with a young varsity squad with tremendous potential.

We won a dual and a triangular, placed 2nd in 2 major invitationals and placed 2nd at our conference meet. We finished the season with a very respectable 5th place at districts. The team won its first trophy for HPC, and had four medal winners at the Osceola invite.

Thanks to everyone's hard work, love for the sport, and determination; it made the year fun and rewarding.

Mike Wagoner is ready to do some more golfing.



Matt Anderson keeping his eye on the ball to see if his chip made it to the green.

Caleb Church putts one in.

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Hana Lindburg making a strong finish.

Haley Strobel, Ashley Strobel, Tara Tonniges and **Brooke Engel** getting together for a picture.

Erin Hammond running hard during the 400 meter run.

Ashley Strobel taking a rest after a hard race.

Britny Kava shows her form for the 400 meter run.

Haley Strobel running a leg in this relay.

Emily Buhr throwing the shot put at the St. Edward invite.

SCOREBOARD

opponent	score
Cedar Rapids Invite	2nd Place
Meridian Invite	7th Place
High Plains Invite	5th Place
Palmer Invite	1st Place
CRC	5th Place
St. Edward Invite	1st Place
Districts	9th Place

Front row: Emily Buhr, Kylie Shoup, Ashley Strobel, Tara Tonniges, Brooke Engel, Lauren Redman, Erin Hammond.
Back row: Haley Strobel, Anna Swanson, Britny Kava, Meagan Sundberg, Heather Church, Hana Lindburg, Bianka Hain, and Jennifer Lange.

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Heather Church and **Kylie Shoup** racing each other to the finish line.

Lauren Redman smiling for the camera.

Jennifer Lange getting ready to run the 800 meter run.

Meagan Sundberg showing us how tough running mile is.

running to the finish line

Starting off the season with only 3 seniors was a scary thought for Mr. Walford, the head girls track coach, but with every practice they started to improve. By the time the meets started the team was ready. The girls improved at every track meet, taking first place at the Palmer and the St. Edward meets.

A new school record was set by Erin Hammond for the 400 meter run having a time of 64.8. She and Lauren Redman always showed their determination in the final stretch of the race.

Meagan Sundberg qualified to participate in the Central Nebraska Track Championship meet held in Grand Island every April. She ran in the 1600 meter run. The 3200 meter relay team of Lauren Redman, Erin Hammond, Tara Tonniges, and Meagan Sundberg also qualified.

This young team proved they had what it took to compete. They worked hard all season and made personal best throughout the season.

Tara Tonniges coming in the home stretch.

The hand-off in a relay race is the one of the most important element. Here the **Strobel sisters**, (top) **Ashley and Haley**, and (bottom) **Lauren Redman** and **Erin Hammond** are ready for the exchanges.

HPC Boys Track

Right: **Don Walford**, head girls track coach, watching his hurdlers.

Far right: **Steve Meyer**, head boys track coach, keeping warm and smiling for the camera.

The other coaches for track were Jim Pekarek and Laurie Ryan. The four coaches split duties and worked with the different athletes in their events.

The boys track season was a big success. Their goal was to end up as the top three at every track meet. They met their goal, except for districts. They moved up to class C, and had to participate in a very tough district. People commented, that it was the state meet with records broken.

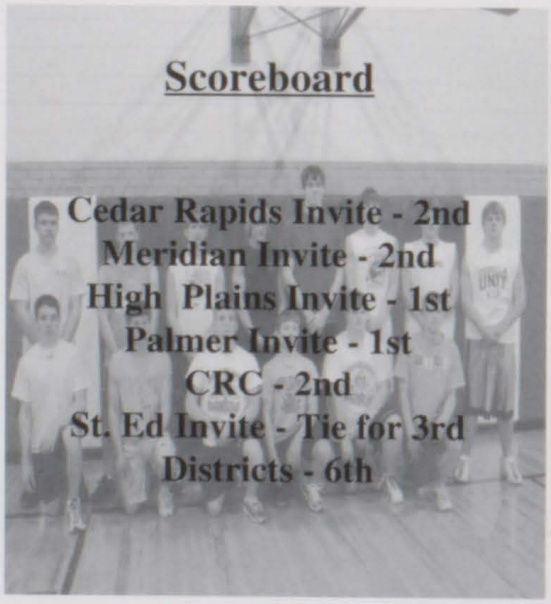
Several new records were set for our school: Josh Hudson in the 110 high hurdles running a 15.1; Derek Rodine in discus throwing a 123'9"; Nate Hoffman in pole vault with a height 7'6"; Garrett Reimers in the 3200 meter run with a time of 11:31.7; and the 3200 meter relay (Nic Gustafson, David Oliver, Clete Vrbka, and Garrett Reimers) with a time of 9:31.4.

The season went by fast and everyone one had a great time. Some memories are: Robert Klingsporn day-dreaming in the 4x1 relay; watching Nate Hoffman learn to pole vault for the first time; Talus Vest and Ashley Strobel wrestling in the tent over beef jerky; and the long bus trips.

Back row: Drew Rodine, Logan Glasser, Josh Hudson, Talus Vest, David Oliver, Nic Gustafson, Carl Rahrs,Tanner Kuhn.
Front row: Garrett Reimers, Nate Hoffman, Derek Rodine, Robert Klingsporn, Mitch Kobza, Joe Ditloff, Marcus Bender, Clete Vrbka.

State Qualifiers

Drew Rodine and **Josh Hudson** qualified for the State Track Meet at Omaha, both in the triple jump. They both also qualified for the Central NE Track Championship Meet. Drew Rodine made it in the triple jump and got third. Josh Hudson qualified in both the 110 (7th place) and 300 hurdles (canceled due to a storm). The 4x100 relay also qualified with both Josh and Drew being a part along with Logan Glasser and Robert Klingsporn, they got fourth place.



Tanner Kuhn ready for the 4x4 relay hand-off.

Logan Glasser showing his speed in the 100.

David Oliver coming around the curve in the 4x8.

Garrett Reimers getting the job done in the 2 mile.

Talus Vest working hard to the finish.

Marcus Bender putting all his might in his discus throw.

Nate Hoffman trying to get over the pole vault bar. Nate made history, this was the first year for pole vault at High Plains Community Schools.

Above: **Robert Klingsporn** clearing the high jump bar with ease.

Left: **Nic Gustafson** running hard in the 800.

Robert Klingsporn tacking off in the 4x1.

Josh Hudson sprinting through the 110 high hurdles.

Above: **Drew Rodine** running to the string in the 200 meter run.

Right: **Derek Rodine** throwing the shot.

Logan Glasser getting some air in his long jump.

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Girls Basketball

The girls team getting some motivating words from the coaches.

Above: **Erin Hammond** running onto the floor as her name is called in the starting lineup.

Right: **Heather Klingsporn** taking a quick breather during a free throw.

Brooke Engel getting in her opponents face.

Mary Ziemba grabbing the loose ball as her teammates look on.

Meridian	28	High Plains	23
Palmer	50	High Plains	34
Hampton	41	High Plains	30
High Plains	34	NE Christian	23
High Plains	54	Rising City	18
High Plains	33	Elgin	20
High Plains	47	Cedar Rapids	30
Dorchester	39	High Plains	25
NE Lutheran	50	High Plains	26
McCool	57	High Plains	32
Giltner	47	High Plains	32
Exeter-Milligan	76	High Plains	26
Clay Center	45	High Plains	38
Osceola	51	High Plains	41
Cross County	59	High Plains	18
High Plains	46	Clay Center	33
GICC	77	High Plains	42
Shickley	82	High Plains	22
Burwell	39	High Plains	31

Final Record: 5- 14

Kendra Stevens playing some tenacious defense.

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The girls team anxiously waiting for the game to begin.

Kendra Stevens and **Sarah Hammond** setting picks to clear the lane for **Meghan Hammond**.

Meghan Hammond puts on her game face communicating something to **Heather Klingsporn**.

Ashley Fleming lining up to shoot her free throws.

Back row: Bianka Hain, Asst. Coach Tabitha Rieken, Hana Lindburg, Sarah Hammond, Denise Carlstrom, Meghan Hammond, Erin Hammond, Heather Klingsporn, Mary Ziemba, Head Coach Laura Senff, Cheyanne Schulze. Front row: Ashley Fleming, Alison Veburg, Kendra Stevens, Brooke Engel, Heather Church, Haley Strobel, Tara Tonniges.

Sixteen girls went out for basketball including three seniors, four juniors, five sophomores, three freshman, and one foreign exchange student. It was also the first year for coaches Laura Senff and Tabitha Rieken. After a slow start with three straight losses the lady Storm exploded with a four-game winning streak which ended with a 45-38 victory over Cedar Rapids to win the championship game of the Rising City holiday tournament. After another rocky stretch of schedule they beat Clay Center 45-38 on parents night for their fifth win of the season. The High Plains Lady Storm played hard and finished out the season with a 5-14 record. The junior varsity finished with a 10-4 record. Coach Senff said "This team was dedicated, played with desire and worked hard the entire season."

Boys Basketball

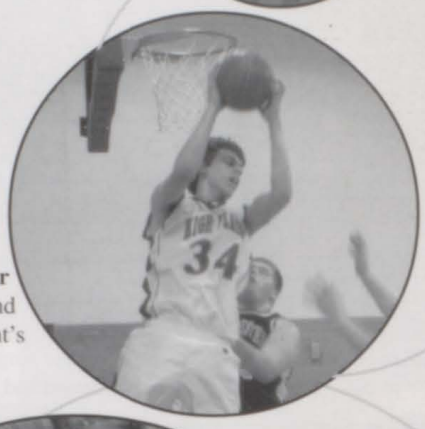
The Storm Boys Basketball team had an outstanding year, finishing with a record of 14-8. They had three new opponents in the 2005-2006 season; Norfolk Catholic, Doniphan-Trumbull, and Grand Island Central Catholic. These were three highly skilled teams but the Storm didn't back down to any of them. They lost to Norfolk Catholic 75-52, beat Doniphan-Trumbull 53-44 in the first sub-district game, and lost to Grand Island Central Catholic 55-43 to close out the season. The step up from class D-1 to class C-2 was a big one, but this team showed they can play with anyone.

Scoreboard

High Plains	55	Meridian	23
High Plains	45	Palmer	54
High Plains	67	NE Christian	33
High Plains	59	Rising City	30
High Plains	39	Elgin	42
High Plains	50	Cedar Rapids	33
High Plains	63	Dorchester	35
High Plains	54	McCool	33
High Plains	52	Norfolk Catholic	75
High Plains	51	Exeter-Milligan	47
High Plains	75	Shickley	42
High Plains	49	Clay Center	51
High Plains	55	Exeter-Milligan	60
High Plains	48	Osceola	33
High Plains	45	Cross County	46
High Plains	62	Clay Center	33
High Plains	59	Shickley	33
High Plains	68	Giltner	21
High Plains	53	Doniphan-Trumbull	44
High Plains	43	GICC	55

Final Record 14-8

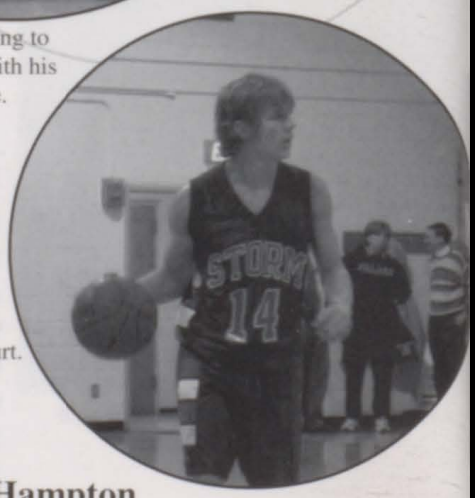
Logan Glasser waits for the opponent to run their offense.



Marcus Bender secures a rebound after the opponent's missed shot.

Drew Rodine preparing to hound the opponent with his relentless defense.

Josh Hudson drawing a foul against Dorchester.



Robert Klingsporn dribbling past half-court.

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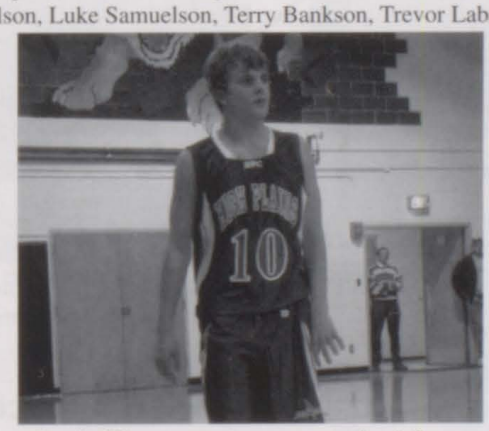
Todd Schulze fires up a three point shot against Dorchester.

Derek Rodine shooting a freethrow against Palmer.

Back Row: Asst. Coach Todd Gardner, Robert Klingsporn, Derek Rodine, Josh Hudson, Marcus Bender, Chris Ziemba, Matt Anderson, Joe Ditloff, Cody Means, Josh Fitzgerald, Head Coach Cameron Hudson. Middle Row: Todd Schulze, Justin Blase, Drew Rodine, Logan Glasser, Trent Norquest, Student Manager: Nick Rodine. Front Row: Aaron Blase, Nick Gustafson, Joe Fowler, Isaac Samuelson, Luke Samuelson, Terry Bankson, Trevor Labarge.

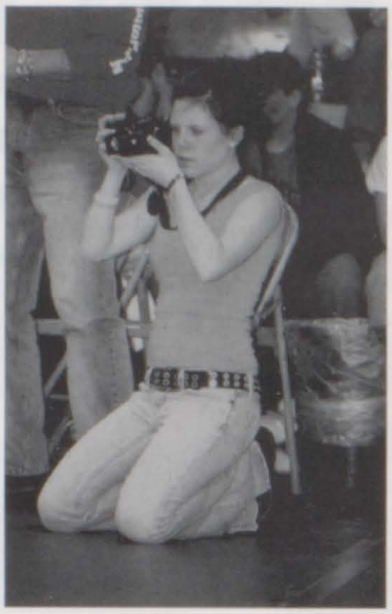
Above: **Marcus Bender** doing what he does best.
Below: **Chris Ziemba** showing off his rebounding skills.

Isaac Samuelson dribbles the ball past a defender.



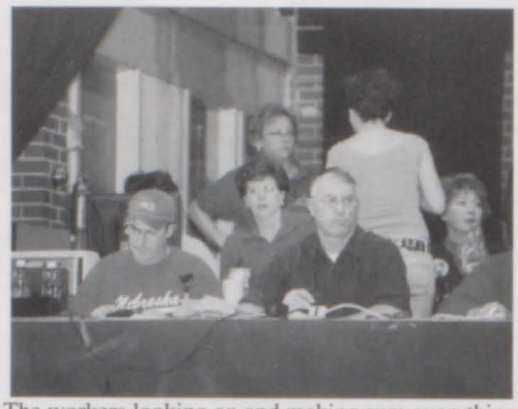
Justin Blase preparing to set up the defense after a freethrow.

Wrestling



Ashley Strobel taking pictures.

Mitch Kobza, Calvin Shively and **Tanner Kuhn** excited abut the win!



The workers looking on and making sure everything is going as planned.

The High Plains wrestling team showing their appreciation for their parents at parent's night.

Assistant Coach Scott Strobel, Head Coach Norm Manstedt, and **Shane Strobel** yelling out some tips.

Back row: Head Coach Norm Manstedt, Clete Vrbka, Nic Beck, Mitch Kobza, Caleb Church, Mike Wagoner, Assistant Coach Scott Strobel. Middle row: Thomas Thies, Travis Kuhn, Carl Rahrs, Jesse Dubas. Front row: Jerimiah Reyner, Nate Hoffman, Corbey Grause, Tanner Kuhn, Calvin Shively.

The Storm Wrestling team wrapped up a successful season with three state qualifiers and two medalists. Junior, Travis Kuhn placed 2nd at the state tournament and freshmen, Corbey Grause brought home a 6th place medal. Sophomore, Nate Hoffman was the other teammate to qualify for state. Travis Kuhn will also be on the Nebraska Disney Dual Team, in Orlando, Florida.

This young wrestling team picked up loads of experience during the season and will have everyone back next year. Eight members ended the year with winning records, recording 20 or more wins. Also to top off the season the Western Nebraska Officials Association presented High Plains wrestling fans the "Sportsmanship Award" This award is presented to the school that has the best following and shows the best sportsmanship regardless of class.

Ashley Strobel served as the statistician, videographer, and student manager. Being the only senior working with the wrestling team, she will be missed for her valuable contribution to the behind the scenes work.

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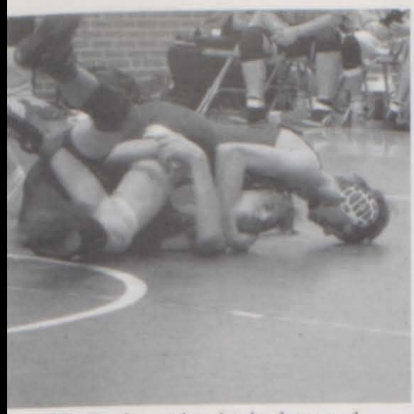
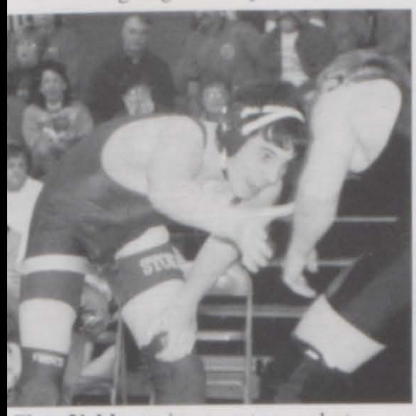
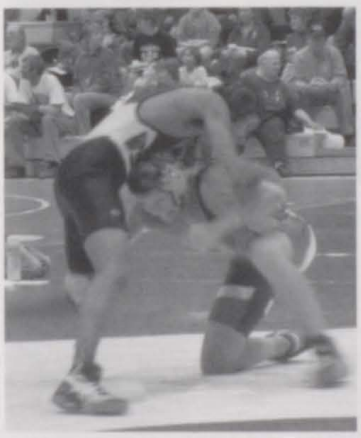


Nic Beck putting in the legs and going for the pin.

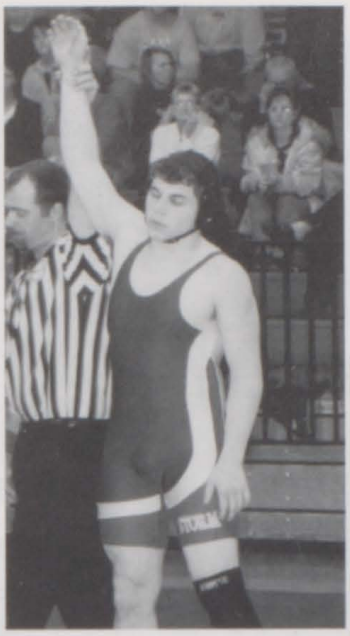


Clete Vrbka trying to set up a shot.

Thomas Thies trying to get a cross face on.



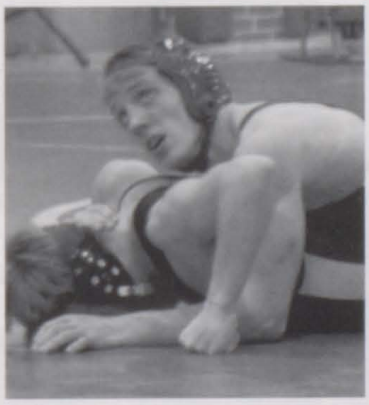
Nate Hoffman going in for the single leg.



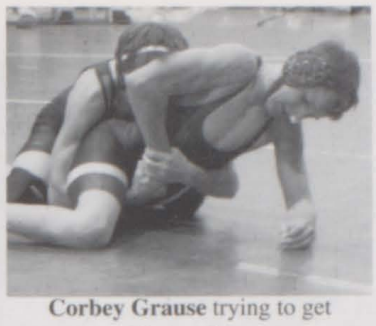
Mike Wagoner exhausted after the match but happy with the win.

Mitch Kobza trying to set up a good shot.

Carl Rahrs getting ready to stand up.

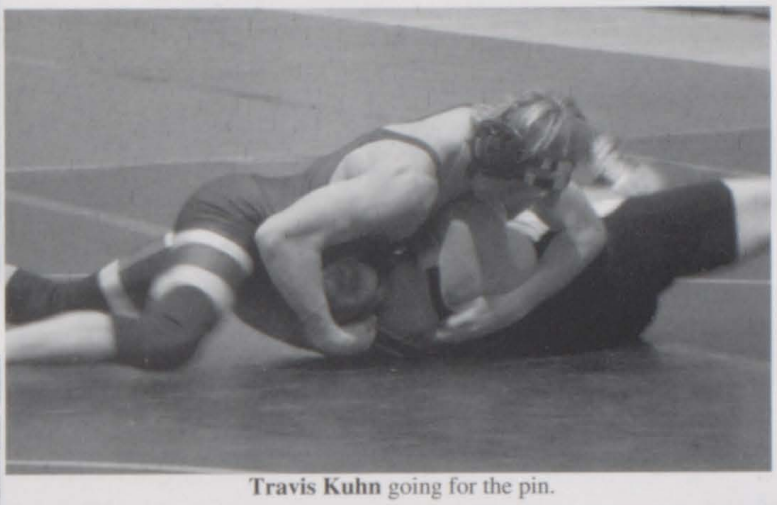


Tanner Kuhn looking at the clock to see how much time is left.



Corbey Grause trying to get his arm free.

Jeremiah Reyner ready to make the first move.



Travis Kuhn going for the pin.

Jesse Dubas putting on his mean face and going for the pin.

Calvin Shivley getting the win.

Fifth Row: Asst. Coach Jim Pekarek, St. Mg. Matthew Pekarek, Corbey Grause, Mitch Kobza, Robert Klingsporn, Asst. Coach Cameron Hudson, Head Coach Andy Vrbka. Fourth Row: Calvin Rahrs, Tanner Kuhn, Nic Gustafson, Anthony Beck, Jeremiah Reyner, Luke Samuelson, Joe Fowler, Grant Friesen. Third Row: Nate Hoffman, Derek Rodine, Joe Ditloff, Trent Norquest, Jesse Dubas, Isaac Samuelson, Thomas Thies. Second Row: Logan Glasser, Marcus Bender, Mike Wagoner, Clete Vrbka, Justin Blase, Caleb Church, Todd Schulze. First Row: Travis Kuhn, Chris Ziemba, JoshHudson, Brent Scherer, Drew Rodine, Josh Gustafson.

2005

HIGH PLAINS STORM FOOTBALL

The football team had a great year. Making it to playoffs we won the first round against Elm Creek, but had a tough second game losing in the second half against Diller-Odell. Ending the season with a 7-3 record, with a trophy for the district championship, and recording in the record book the first state playoff victory for High Plains Community Schools.

Coach Andy Vrbka, was pleased with the seasons outcome. He stated, "We started the year off with a lot of if's. We need people to step up and fill some spots." The team did just that. There were 16 to 17 players which started at different positions playing with heart and desire to get the victories. Not only did his team make it to playoffs, but also earned the 100th win of his football coaching career.

Some of the highlights from the season are: Josh Hudson and Travis Kuhn each running over 1,000 yards, shutting out the rival Hampton Hawks, winning first round of playoffs, and beating Palmer at homecoming. The Storm averaged 332 yards a game and limited our opponents to 245 yards per game. Which is impressive when you look at the front lines, High Plains averaged 168 pounds to the opponents 230 pounds.

The High Plains football team next fall will still be strong and a tough competitor to beat, even though five seniors are leaving.

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The team huddle after the game.

Drew Rodine running the ball

Scoreboard

HP	50	Hampton	0
HP	0	Leigh	48
HP	68	NE Lutheran	28
HP	44	Cedar Bluffs	28
HP	40	Palmer	30
HP	26	Mead	6
HP	20	NE Christian	22
HP	22	Shelby	12

Playoffs

HP	48	Elm Creek	30
HP	28	Diller-Odell	43

Final Record
7-3

Travis Kuhn going for a TD.

Marcus Bender with a miracle catch.

Josh Hudson giving the handoff to **Logan Glasser**

Jesse Dubas reading the play.

Joe Ditloff waiting for the snap.

The Storm offense running the '31 special' play.

Grant Friesen wondering what coach is yelling.

Josh Hudson playing tough defense.

Justin Blase ready to make a tackle.

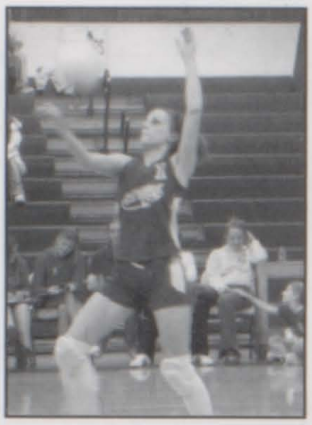
Josh Gustafson

Tanner Kuhn and **Robert Klingsporn** waiting for the snap.

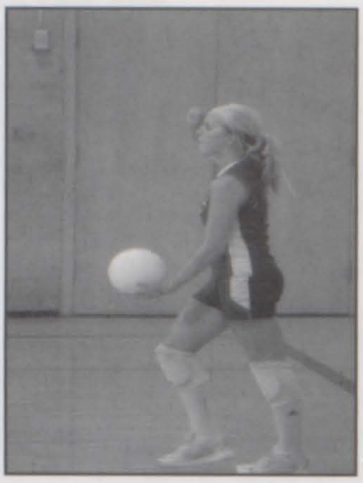
Chris Ziemba giving a little shove.

The offense huddle.

Heidi Hanquist



Heather Klingsporn

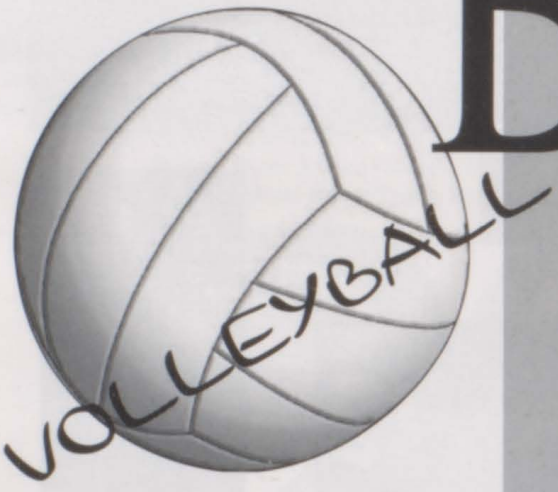


Meghan Hammond

Lauren Redman

SENIORS

Bump, set, spike



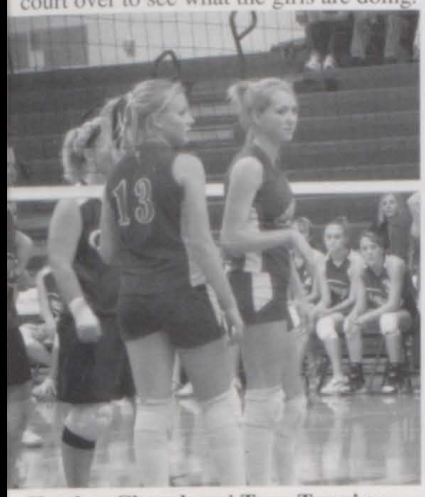
Front Row: Meghan Hammond, Heather Klingsporn, Lauren Redman, Heidi Hanquist.
Middle Row: Skye Hejtmanek, Heather Church, Kendra Stevens, Sarah Hammond, Denise Carlstrom, Megan Carson, Tara Tonniges, Brooke Engel.
Back Row: Head Coach Tabitha Rieken, Jennifer Lange, Emily Buhr, Kylie Shoup, Mandi Hanquist, Anna Swanson, Meagan Sundberg, and Asst. Coach Laura Senff.

The volleyball team had a great season. Coach Reiken commented, "The girls did a wonderful job this year. They had the drive to win and were very competitive. They played some difficult teams, but really stepped it up and brought their game to a higher level." They had to face a big change this year, with a new coach taking over, but they handled it.

Highlights from the season were the Shickley and Palmer games. Against Shickley they played extremely well, playing every point to their best ability. They gave the state champions a run for their money, but fell in three sets. Palmer was undefeated at the time that we played them. The girls played well as a team and went for everything they could get a hand on giving the Tiger's their first lose in a three-set thriller.

They ended the season with a 10-12 record, but played with a lot of heart all year. The team was lead by four seniors who did a tremendous job. Lauren Redman led the team in setting with Heather Klingsporn taking top in the hitting and kills categories. Meghan Hammond led in the ace serves category while Heidi Hanquist, 94%, and Lauren Redman, 95%, had top percentages for good serves throughout the year. These seniors showed great leadership, talent, and desire, which helped the re of the team play hard and improve.

Coach Reiken and **Coach Senff** looking the court over to see what the girls are doing.



Heather Church and **Tara Tonniges** waiting for the server to get ready.

Lauren Redman serves the ball waiting for it to be an ace.

Kylie Shoup waiting for the ball while **Megan Caron** ready to assist.

Kendra Stevens waiting patiently as she goes in as the libero.

The girls watching for the serve to go over the net.

The team cheering and regrouping after the ace serve that just went over the net.

Left: **Kylie Shoup** getting ready for a serve, and hopes it is an ace.

SCOREBOARD

HPC	School	OPP
0	Giltner	3
0	Heartland	3
3	NE Christian	1
2	Palmer	1
2	Cedar Rapids	0
2	Sutton	0
1	Cross County	2
2	St. Edward	1
1	Lindsay HF	2
0	Dorchester	3
0	McCool	2
2	Rising City	0
0	Hampton	2
0	Meridian	2
0	Shickley	3
0	Exeter-Mill	2
2	Clay Center	0
0	Hampton	2
2	NE Lutheran	1
2	Osceola	1
3	Fullerton	1
0	DC Aquinas	3

Final Record 10-12

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Softball

Candice Swedenburg ready for the pitch.

Ashley Strobel and **Kayla Beck** showing their guns.

2006 Senior Softball girls pose before one of their last high school softball games.

Kelli Stevens ready and waiting for the ball.

Jonella Yrkoski awaiting the pitch.

Erin Hammond anxiously waiting for the pi

Britny Kava ready for the bunt.

Mary Ziemba delivering the pitch.

Ashley Strobel trying to make the throw t

Christina Rhodes in position and ready for the ball.

Bianka Hain anticipating the next hit.

Kayla Beck going for the tag.

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The 2005 softball season started off with high hopes because there were six seniors returning, along with juniors, sophomores, and freshmen that were all very experienced. We had seniors Erin Hammond, Kayla Beck and Ashley Strobel return in the infield, while the trio of seniors Candice Swedenburg, Kelli Stevens and Christina Rhodes returned to patrol the outfield for the Storm.

We got strong pitching performances from Mary Ziemba, Alison Veburg and Haley Strobel. They contributed a lot to the team. The Storm softball team was defensively strong and really fundamentally sound. We took a few tough loses but the team was competing with Class B and C teams, normally only losing by a few runs in the last innings of the game. We could never get the bats going in the beginning but the team always fought until the end and never gave up.

Although the season didn't end the way we wanted, with back to back loses in districts against Cross County and Twin River we were happy that the team finished with a 8-14 record.

Back: Head Coach Norm Manstedt, Mary Ziemba, Hana Lindburg, Thania Sanchez, Mindy Kowalski, Asst. Coach Todd Gardner. Middle Row: Jonella Yrkoski, Britny Kava, Alison Veburg, Karlie Blase, Haley Strobel, Ashley Fleming, Cheyanne Schultz. Front Row: Ashley Strobel, Candice Swdenburg, Kelli Stevens, Kayla Beck, Bianka Hain, Erin Hammond, Christina Rhodes.

SCOREBOARD

HPC	School	OPP.
0	Fillmore Central	12
8	Thayer Central	9
6	Cross County	5
1	Wayne	3
3	Cross County	2
1	Boone Central	3
2	Grand Island NW	4
3	Aurora	6
18	Wilbur Clatonia	3
12	David City	2
6	Twin River	11
4	Aurora	10
8	Minden	2
11	Chase County	5
2	Twin River	8
7	Boone Central	14
21	Adam Central	3
1	Wahoo	4
6	Cross County	18
22	Adam Central	3
2	Cross County	13
0	Twin River	12

Cheyanne Schultz missing this one but coming up with a hit on the next pitch.

Hana Lindburg anticipating a homerun.

Karlie Blase making the catch.

Ashley Fleming showing off her catching skills.

Haley Strobel getting ready to throw the heater.

Alison Veburg winding up to throw a strike.

Mindy Kowalski getting ready to hit it out of the park.

Thania Sanchez getting her glove dirty and stopping the ball.

Prom 2006

Senior Girls

Senior Boys

The 2006 Prom was held on April 22, 2006. The theme of the prom was "Enchanted Dreams". The junior class did a wonderful job of transforming the gym into a dream world with the colors purple, white, and blue. At the dinner Justin Blase gave the welcome speech and Heather Church read the poem to the seniors. Meghan Hammond thanked the juniors for all of their hard work. The dinner was wonderful, they served us prime rib, green bean casserole, cheesy potatoes, a roll, and dessert. The junior mothers were thanked for the delicious meal.

Junior Boys

Junior Girls

With the pictures out of the way, and all of the freshmen and sophomores showing up, we got the dance going. I don't think there was anybody who didn't have sore feet from all of the dancing everyone did. It was a great night and a night that everyone will remember.

Post prom was held in York at the Community Center this year. As soon as we got there we had pizza, cookies and pop. Then the hypnotist started. That was a sight to see! From Joe Ditloff being a ballerina, Matt Anderson being a rapper, and Mike Wagoner thinking that he was in his little brothers underwear. It had the whole gym laughing. It was a lot of fun.

Thank you juniors and Ms. Vest for all of your hard work and making our senior prom a memorable one.

The Class of 2006 pose for their last group picture togeth

2006 SERVERS

Nate Hoffman, Brooke Engel, Clete Vrbka, Alison Veburg, Michael Wagoner, Mary Ziemba, Marcus Bender, Sarah Staniec, Derek Rodine, Lacey Stromberg.

The Junior class pose for a group picture. They worked really hard to raise the money needed and then decorating for this special evening.

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Jonella Yrkoski and **Megan Burruss** smiling for the camera.

Everyone enjoying a slow dance.

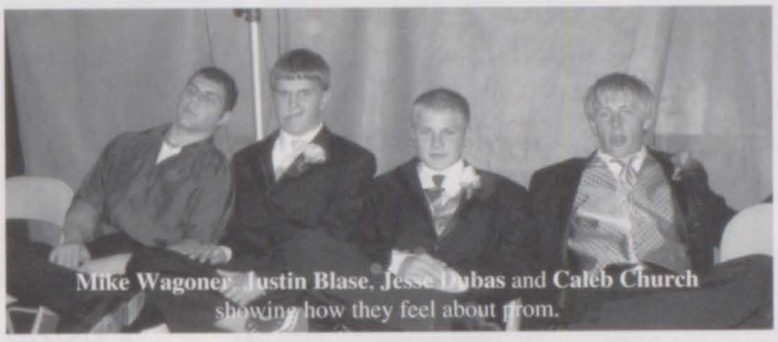
Kelli Stevens and her date Dathan Peters, Chris Hansen and **Candice Swedenburg**, her date, making their way to the dance.

Brent Scherer and date posing for the camera.

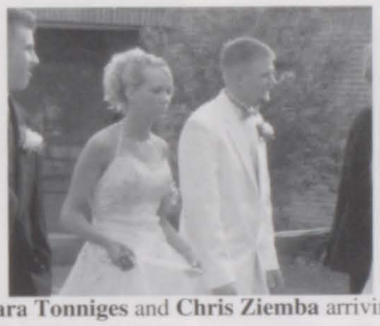
Nic Beck, **Nicole Davis**, and **Ashley Boltz** blowing up ballons.

Everyone standing around chit chatting and waiting for the dance to start.

Tiffany Kowalski and **Chris Thorton** dancing.



Mike Wagoner, **Justin Blase**, **Jesse Dubas** and **Caleb Church** showing how they feel about prom.



Tara Tonniges and **Chris Ziemba** arriving.

Heather Church reading the poem at the dinner.

Drew Rodine and **Ashley Strobel** dancing.

Lauren Redman, Nicole Schnitzler, **Josh Hudson**, **Jesse Dubas** and **Ashley Strobel** coming out of the limo, finally arriving.

The juniors trying to get the entrance way put up.

Mike Wagoner at post prom thinking that he had his brother's underwear on.

Awards Night and Fine Arts

This years awards presentations were divided into two different nights. Music, Art and Clubs were on Fine Arts night held May 2nd and Sports had an athletic banquet held on May 9th. The theme for the banquet was "A Night for the Stars" and the evening was hosted by the cheerleaders.

At fine arts night, art projects from the year were on display, music performances were held by several soloists from both band and choir, and the chorus group also sang. Sponsors of the different clubs and organizations gave a recap of their year and handed out special awards.

The food at the banquet was supplied by the cheerleaders with the FCA, providing ice cream sundaes. The coaches all gave recaps of their seasons and gave end of the year awards.

Drew Rodine and **Christina Rhodes** received the All-Around Student award.

Bianka Hain singing a solo.

Robert Klingsporn received the Lisa Garrett memorial track award allowing him to attend Doane College Track camp in Grand Island.

Emily Buhr showing her passion, singing.

The basketball girls showing their excitment for the game.

Choir ***Band***
One-Act Play ***Speech***
National Honor Society
FCCLA ***FFA***
Student Council

Above: **Christina Rhodes** and **Kaleigh Baloun** singing their duet at Fine Arts Night.

Right: **Trevor Schnabel** singing to the crowd.

Far right: **Teri Beck** and **Dorla Lindburg** getting ready to give an award to **Brent Scherer** for his help with the play.

The football boys listening to what coach Vrbka has to say and remembering the seas

Football
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Basketball
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Golf
Track
Cheerleading

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Cameron Hudson giving a little speech about the boys basketball season.

Tabitha Reiken saying how pleased she was with the girls volleyball season.

Rod Drews thanking the crowd for their support of band and choir. Mr. Drews left this year and took another teaching position.

Left: **Josh Hohnholt, Sarah Hammond, Justin Blase,** and **Nic Beck** react to Mr. Vrbka's comment.

Jean Blase showing her excitement for speech.

Andy Vrbka giving one of his famous speeches about the football team. I'm sure he has goose bumps.

Keith Killion explaining about his golf team and all the first of HPC history they accomplished.

Kylie Shoup shocked by what **Isaac Samuelson** told her.

Don Walford talks about girls track.

Haley Strobel and **Ashley Fleming** trying to act innocent.

Norm Manstedt giving two speeches for wrestling and softball.

Teri Beck and **Dorla Lindburg** saying how thrilled they were with the one act play

Brooke Engel giving a surprised look.

Anna Swanson, Meagan Sundberg, and **Britney Kava** not paying any attention to Mr. Walfords speech about girls track.

Josh Hudson, Drew Rodine, and **Chris Ziemba** listening to Cameron Hudson say good-bye to his three seniors.

Emily Buhr and **Kylie Shoup** sharing some memories and highlights from the cheerleading year.

Logan Glasser collects his envelop of certificates and shows his parents.

Left: **Dennis Gray** telling us how informative the cheerleaders road trips were.

Below: **Brandon Bankson** and **Mike Wagoner** standing patiently waiting for their sponsor to finish the speech.

Jenni Lange and **Bianka Hain** messing with the table stars confetti.

Homecoming 2005

Nic Beck and **Justin Blase** lookin' groovy in their finest 70's suits.

Above: **Kayla Beck** gives a cowgirl "howdy" on western day.

Left: **Nate Hoffman** eating in the food relay race.

Karlie (Karl) **Blase** on opposite sex day.

The senior football boys sitting on ice blocks during the Mr. Cool contest during Sunday night's bonfire and homecoming pep rally.

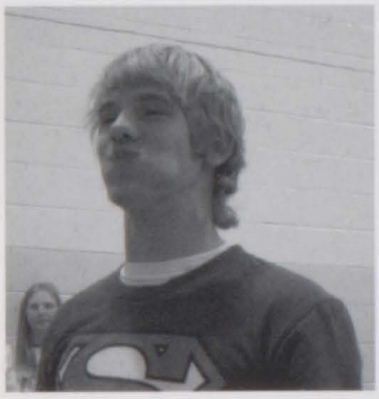
Mr. **Kylie Shoup** forgot to shave the morning of opposite gender day.

Homecoming Royalty: Back Row: 1st Attendants **Chris Ziemba** and **Heidi Hanquist**, 2004 King and Queen **Dustin Kufeldt** and **Samantha Dubas**, 2nd Attendants **Ashley Strobel** and **Drew Rodine**. Front Row: Crownbearer **Claire Harless**, King **Brandon Bankson**, Queen **Meghan Hammond**, and Crownbearer **Bo Dittmer**.

Homecoming was held during the week of September 26th through the 30th. The week was packed full of many activities, the first being a bonfire held on Sunday evening at the ball field. Monday was western day. Tuesday was oldies day. Wednesday was formal or Hawaiian day. Thursday was opposite sex day. And Friday was everyone's favorite day with the annual red, white and blue day.

The dance was held in the Polk gym after the Storm defeated the Palmer Tigers. The softball and volleyball teams were also busy with games during the week. The theme of the dance was "Just Dance". Everyone had a good time at the dance and during spirit week.

As usual the girls like to get out on the dance floor a little more than the guys do.



Above: **Robert Klingsporn** with a mouthful in the food relay race.

Right: **Travis Kuhn** on opposite sex day.

Red, white and blue day is always a hit with the kids.

Left: **Kelli Stevens**, **Candice Swedenburg**, and **Kayla Beck** show how to eat healthy at the pep rally.

Right: 2005 King **Brandon Bankson** and Queen **Meghan Hammond**.

FOOTBALL

Logan Glasser-All District 2nd team defense. **Josh Gustafson**-All District 1st team offense, All-Heartland Small School Super Squad 1st team offense. **Drew Rodine**-All District 2nd team defense. **Travis Kuhn**-All District 1st team defense, All District 2nd team offense, All-Heartland Small School Super Squad 1st team defense, All-Nebraska Honorable Mention, All-State Honorable Mention. **Chris Ziemba**-All District 2nd team offense, All District Honorable Mention defense. **Jesse Dubas**-All District 1st team offense. **Caleb Church**-All District 2nd team offense, All District 2nd team defense. **Mike Wagoner**-All District Honorable Mention defense. **Derek Rodine**-All District 1st team defense, All District 2nd team offense, All-Heartland Small School Super Squad 2nd team offense, All-Honorable Mention. **Clete Vrbka**-All District Honorable Mention offense. **Josh Hudson**-All District 1st team defense, All District 2nd team offense, All Heartland Small School Super Squad Honorable Mention, All-Nebraska Honorable Mention, All-State Honorable Mention.

SOFTBALL

Erin Hammond - All State Honorable Mention

Ashley Strobel - All State Honorable Mention
- All State Honorable Mention

Haley Strobel - All State Honorable Mention
- All State Honorable Mention
- All Class C leader in stolen bases.

VOLLEYBALL

Lauren Redman - CRC Honorable Mention
- All Heartland Honorable Mention
- All Nebraska Honorable Mention
- AP All-State Honorable Mention

Heidi Hanquist - All Nebraska Honorable Mention

Heather Klingsporn - All Nebraska Honorable Mention

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Erin Hammond - CRC/Goldenrod All-Star Game

Heather Klingsporn - 1st team CRC
- CRC/Goldenrod All-Star game
- All Heartland Honorable Mention
- All State Honorable Mention

BOYS BASKETBALL

Isacc Samuelson - 2nd team CRC
- All Heartland Honorable Mention

Marcus Bender - 1st Team CRC
- All Heartland Honorable Mention
- All Nebraska Honorable Mention

Josh Hudson - 1st team CRC
- CRC/Goldenrod All-Star game
- All Heartland Honorable Mention
- All Nebraska Honorable Mention
- All State Honorable Mention

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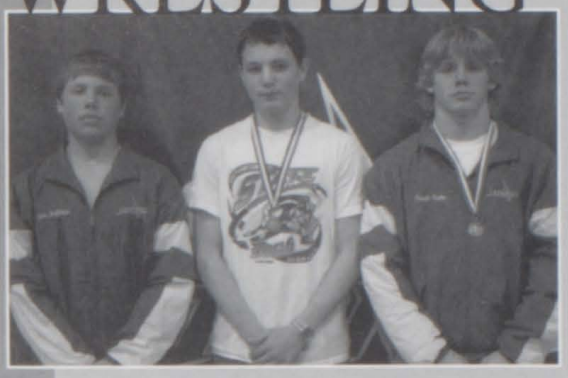
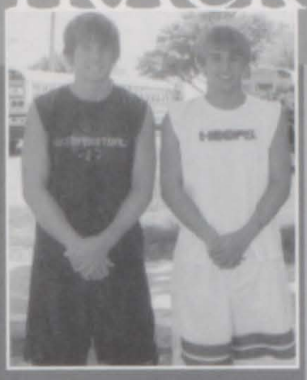


Nate Hoffman (112) - State Qualifier

Corbey Grause (119) - State Medalists / 6th Place

Travis Kuhn (135) - State Medalists / 2nd Place

TRACK



Josh Hudson - State Qualifier in Triple Jump

Drew Rodine - State Qualifier in Triple Jump

BAND

Drew Rodine - CRC Band Medalist

Christina Rhodes - CRC Band Medalist
- UNK Honor Band
- Doane Festival of Winds
- Class "C" All State Band
- Wesleyan Honor Band

CHOIR

Calvin Rahrs - CRC Honor Choir

Trevor Schnabel - CRC Honor Choir
- UNK Honor Choir

Tiffany Kowalski - CRC Honor Choir

Bianka Hain - CRC Honor Choir

Emily Buhr - CRC Honor Choir
- UNK Honor Choir

Kaleigh Baloun - CRC Honor Choir

Christiana Rhodes - CRC Honor Choir

SPEECH

Christina Rhodes - State Qualifier for Duet Acting

Brent Scherer - State Qualifier for Duet Acting

Fourth row: **Brent Scherer, Brandon Bankson, Josh Hohnholt, Meghan Hammond, Chris Ziemba, Josh Hudson, Chris Reed, Calvin Rahrs, Stephen Opfer.**
Third row: **Tiffany Kowalski, Haley Stromberg, Heidi Hanquist, Jennifer Lange, John Lindgren, Moritz Guenther, Joshua Gustafson, Drew Rodine.**
Second row: **Bianka Hain, Whitney Flinn, Amber Swanson, Christina Rhodes, Erin Hammond, Heather Klingsporn, Laura Garey.**
First row: **Lauren Redman, Ashley Strobel, Dani Sneed, Kayla Beck, Candice Swedenburg, Kelli Stevens.**

Josh Hohnholt, **Meghan Hammond,** and **Erin Hammond** throwing their hats after the ceremony.

Above: The Salutatorian, **Laura Garey**, giving her speech about her memories of the Class of 2006.

Left: Christina **Rhodes** walking in with a huge smile on her face knowing that she is almost graduated.

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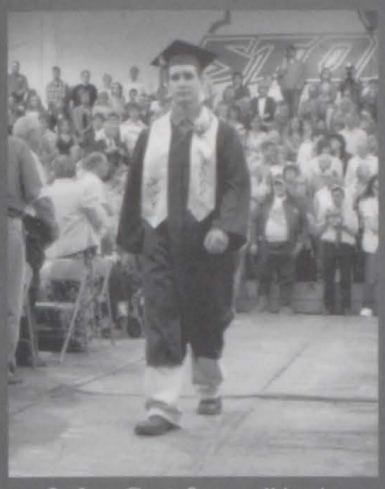
Board members, Karen Stevens and Becky VanHousen looking for **Calvin Rahrs** diploma and Calvin looking on hoping that he graduated.

Dani Sneed excited knowing that her high school career is almost over.

Juniors, **Todd Schulze, Heather Church, Justin Blaser, Tara Tonniges, Logan Glasser, Kylie Shoup**, selected by the senior class to hand out programs and Tara and Justin as junior marshals.



Joshua Gustafson walking in to Pomp and Circumstance.

Chris Ziemba, Stephen Opfer, and **Joshua Gustafson** waiting for the ceremony to start.

Brent Scherer giving his mom a great big hug.

Heidi Hanquist, the Valedictorian, reminiscing about her memories of the class.

GRADUATION

It seems like only yesterday that the graduating Class of 2006 was just meeting each other back in 7th grade. How quickly we started to think of ourselves as the Class of 2006 at High Plains Community. As we all looked back and thought of the last six years together we all realized how close of a class we had become. All of us could come up with so many memories that we formed as a class, and know that we will never forget them.

It was sad knowing that May 13th, 2006 was the end of our high school career. But we will all take the memories of games, plays, class time, and lunches along with us to the next stages of our lives. We are a class that believes in the beauty of our dreams and we all want to succeed. This is the great thing about the Class of 2006. This is not the end, this is the beginning of a new stage in our life. Thanks to HPC School, we are all headed on the right path and ready to go out in to the world and achieve our dreams.

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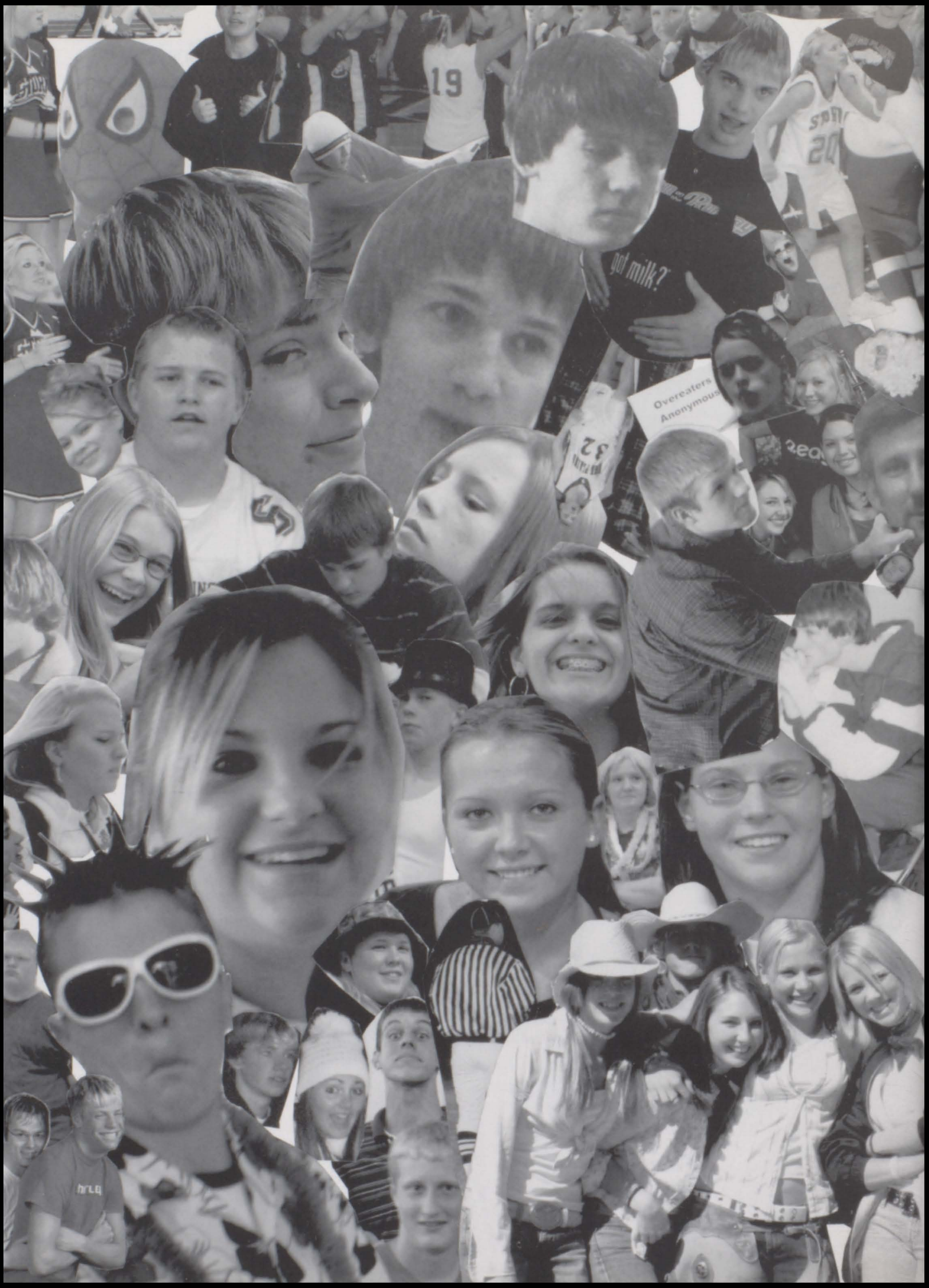
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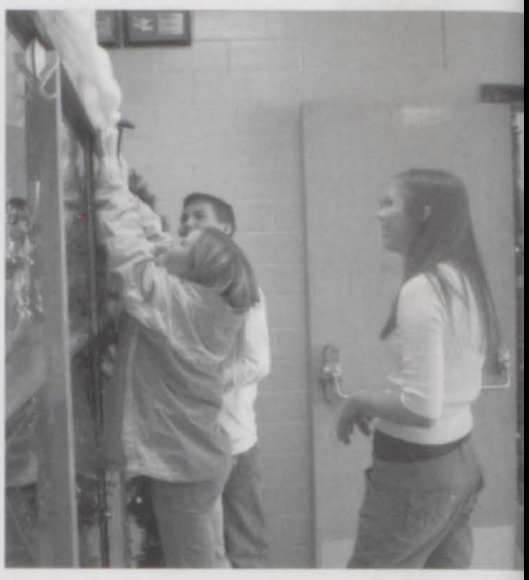
Student Council

Candice Swedenburg wearing a pair of beer goggles to experience the effects that alcohol has on her perception. This was a program at a student council district meeting.

Chris Ziemba adjusting decorations on the Christmas tree in the lobby.



Meghan Hammond laughing at **Candice Swedenbu** and **Brandon Bankson** as they decorate the trophy case for Christmas.

Front row: Josh Hohnholt, Lauren Redman, Candice Swedenburg, Meghan Hammond, Kylie Shoup, Brandon Bankson, Nic Beck, Chris Ziemba. Second row: Hana Lindburg, Laura Garey, Kelli Stevens, Kayla Beck Christina Rhodes, Haley Strobel, Ashley Fleming, Nate Hoffman, Tara Tonniges, Erin Hammond, Mandy Hanquis Back row: Drew Rodine, Brent Scherer, Garrett Reimers, Justin Blase (on top of) Josh Hudson, Jesse Dubas (on top of) Caleb Church, Robert Klingsporn, Mike Wagoner, Marcus Bender, Clete Vrbka, Joe Ditloff.

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This year the student council attended the district meeting, held at Columbus Lakeview, state convention at Plattsmouth, and a convention at Rising City. Projects for the school year included a parking spot, reserved for one lucky student each week, a milk vending machine, decorations at Christmas time, a dance held after we won the Clay Center basketball game. They plan to do landscaping in front of the high school building.

Mr. Vrbka was the sponsor this year. Three senior members campaigned for offices. Brandon Bankson was elected President and Chris Ziemba was elected Vice President.

Brandon Bankson, Justin Blase, Josh Hudson, and **Chris Ziemba** standing by the food and money raised at the dance. Each student that attended the dance had to bring a non-perishable item for admission to the dance.

Students doing the chicken dance (above) and a line dance (below) at the Valentine's day dance.

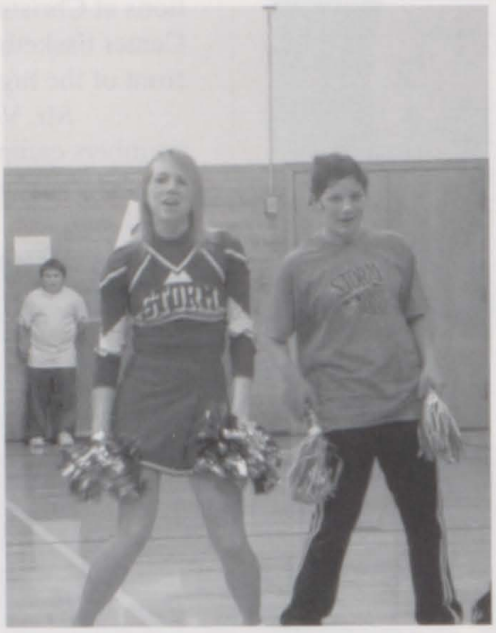
Josh Hudson, Brandon Bankson, and **Chris Ziemba** put up the reserved parking sign. The student council started this privilege, of having a reserve parking space, the last quarter of the year. A name of a student was drawn every week and that person got to park for one week in the space which was right in front of the school very close to the front door.

Three seniors campaigned for Student Council president this year. **Chris Ziemba** (left), **Brandon Bankson** (center), and **Josh Hudson** (right). They hung signs up around the school and then gave a speech at noon before the voting began. Brandon Bankson was the winner becoming the President and Chris Ziemba held the office of Vice President.

Josh Hohnholt puts a streamer in place while decorating for the dance in February.

CHEER FOR THE STORM!

Above: **Kylie Shoup**, **Heather Church**, **Skye Hejtmanek**, and **Tara Tonniges** are showing off the activity calendars that were made for a fund raiser.
Below: **Emily Buhr** and **Skye Hejtmanek** are showing the little kids what it is like being a cheerleader at a basketball game.



Tara Tonniges is showing **Brittney Martin** her cheerleading skills, during a grade school cheer camp.

Heather Church thinking of which cheer to do

Above: **Emily Buhr**, **Skye Hejtmanek**, and **Mrs. Buhr** organizing
for the scavanger hunt before the bonfire for homecoming week
Left: **Mandi Hanquist** and **Kylie Shoup** wondering what is wrong
their hands after a cheer.
Bottom: The cheerleaders react to this wrestling match and get rea
cheer.

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CHEERLEADING

The cheerleading squad was made up of six young ladies. They include: Tara Tonniges, Kylie Shoup, Emily Buhr, Mandi Hanquist, Heather Church, and Skye Hejtmanek. These girls had there hands full with football games, basketball games, and wrestling meets which they had to cheer at.

Homecoming is one of their events to plan. During homecoming week they organized games everyone could take part in and play during the week. They held a bonfire on Sunday night to kick the week off, ending with decorating for the dance. An athletic banquet was held this year, so they were in charge of decorating for this evening also.

They are helped out by their sponsors, Becky Buhr and Mr. Gray. Lots of time is put in from all 8 of these individuals.

Back row: Kylie Shoup, Tara Tonniges, and Mandi Hanquist.
Front row: Heather Church, Skye Hejtmanek, and Emily Buhr.

<u>What is the part of cheerleading you like best?</u>

Tara T.-" All the long road trips, and when Skye ran into the wire.

Heather C.- "I love the long road trips to football and basketball games."

Kylie S.-"All the road trips to away games, and watching Skye running full speed into a wire and falling."

Emily B.- "The long road trips, play games, and give the referees names."

Mandi H.- "The long road trips to basketball and football games."

Skye H.-"All the drives to away games, running full speed into a wire."

Tara Tonniges

Skye Hejtmanek

Mandi Hanquist

Heather Church

Kylie Shoup

Emily Buhr

Twisters

The 2005-2006 dance team had six members, Kaleigh Baloun, Karlie Blase, Megan Carson, Heather Church, Sarah Hammond, Amanda Hanquist, and Hana Lindburg. Their sponsor is Jodi Blase. The girls worked during the summer, before and after school to create routines for their performances. They danced at bean days, football games, basketball games, and pep rallies. They coordinated three different outfits to wear when they performed. Every member of the team enjoyed themselves and liked the opportunity to dance.

The dance team performed at the homecoming football game.

Mandi Hanquist, Heather Church, Hana Lindburg, Sarah Hammond and **Megan Carson** dancing at a basketball game in their fancy red and black outfits.

Heather Church, Megan Carson and **Kaleigh Baloun** getting their grove on.

Mandi Hanquist having a fun time doing this routine.

Front: **Sarah Hammond**, Back: **Heather Church**, **Mandi Hanquist**, **Hana Lindburg**, **Megan Carson**, **Karlie Blase**.

Sarah Hammond showing her dancing spirit before she performs at a football game.

Mandi Hanquist, Kaliegh Baloun, and **Karlie Blase** dancing during a pep really.

Karlie Blase, Kaliegh Baloun, and **Heather Church**, showing thier moves at Bean Day. This was their first performance of the year.

Megan Carson and **Karlie Blase** show their arm movement during this dance routine.

The crowd was entertained at this game with a performance from the dance team.

Hana Lindburg smiling at the crowd.

Karlie Blase really groving for this performance.

The Flag Corp:
Karlie Blase, Amanda Hanquist, Brooke Engel, Skye Hejtmanek, Ashley Strobel, Heather Church, Megan Carson and Alison Veburg.

The Band marching in the Harvest of Harmony Parade in Grand Island.

Christina Rhodes playing her flute. Here she is playing a solo at a school concert.

Ashley Strobel,
"you don't play the drums"!

Majorette: **Meghan Hammond**

Mr. Drews keeping watch on those lines.

The pep band getting ready to play at a pep rally.

The band marching at Bean Days in Clarks.

The pep band at a football game.

The band at the Yorkfest parade.

The flag girls performing their routine in the Harvest of Harmony parade.

Band

The High Plains Marching Band

Calvin Rahrs playing his tuba solo.

Carl Rahrs, Denise Carlstrom, Chris Ziemba, and **Joe Fowler** marching at the Harvest of Harmony parade.

Matt Anderson, Meagan Sundberg, and **Carl Rahrs** marching.

It was an exciting year for the band. They started off the year by practicing their marching for four major marching events. They attended Yorkfest, Bean Days, Harvest of Harmony, and the Central City Veterans Day parade. They also played at the Christmas, Spring, and Dessert concerts during the year.

In October, in time for Christmas, the band raises money by selling greenery and wreaths. The seniors took a trip to a Mannheim Steamroller concert on the December 26th and they really enjoyed it.

At the CRC Band Clinic, Drew Rodine received a medal for second trumpet and Christina Rhodes received a medal for piccolo. Christina also participated in the Doane College Fall Festival of Winds, UNK's Honor Band, Nebraska Weslyen's Honors Festival, and the Class C All-State Band. Trevor Schnabel received a superior and Calvin Rahrs received an excellent for their tuba solos at Districts, the band received an excellent at Districts. Overall, the band has had a fun and successful year.

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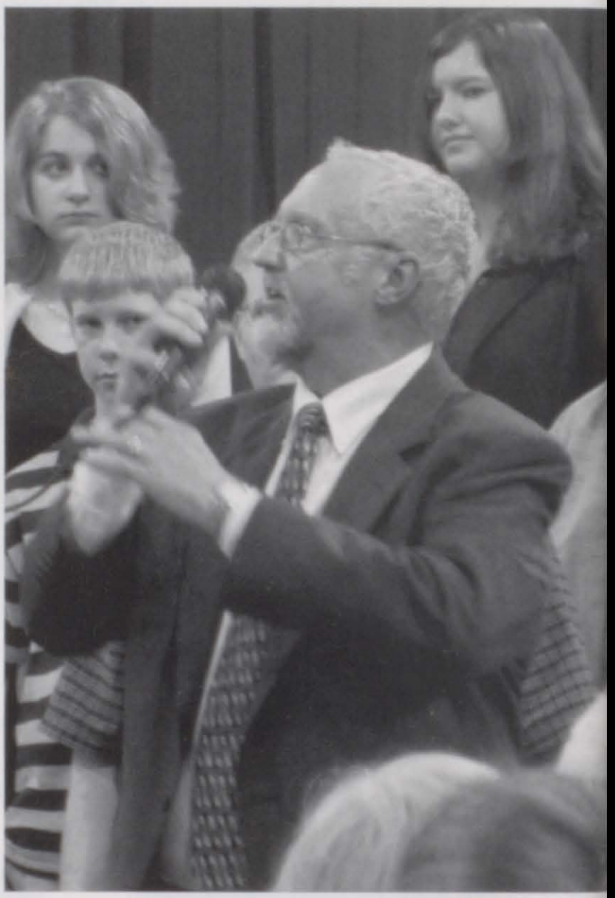
CHOIR

Christina Rhodes is accompaning the choir with her flute.

Emily Buhr singing a solo.

Bianka Hain being brave during Fine Arts Night singing a solo.



Mr. Rod Drews is introducing the next song the choir is goin be singing during the concert.

Christina Rhodes and **Kaliegh Baloun** are singing a duet during the Fine Arts/ Awards Night program.

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Choir was made up of fifteen kids this year. Directed by Rod Drews, and accompanied by Sandra Quiring. They performed at concerts, Districts, CRC vocal clinic, sang the National Anthem for many of the athletic events, and performed for the Senior Citizens. They had a busy year.

Honor choir members were Emily Buhr, Trevor Schnabel, Calvin Rahrs, Tiffany Kowalski, Bianka Hain, Kaleigh Baloun, and Christina Rhodes. At districts Christina Rhodes and Kaleigh Baloun sang a duet receiving a good, Trevor Schnabel, Calvin Rahrs, Emily Buhr, and Bianka Hain all performed a solo and each received excellents, while the whole group received a two rating, which is excellent. The choir had an achieving and fun year.

We had to say good-bye to Mr. Drews at the end of year, as he decided to take another position at a different school.

Trevor Schnabel singing a solo during for Fine Arts Night which he had performed for districts.

Erin Davis, **Emily Buhr**, **Chirstina Rhodes**, **Tiffany Kowalski**, and **Kaleigh Baloun** are consecrating on this song.

Bianka Hain and **Jennifer Lange** the foreign exchange students, waiting patiently to start another song.

Bianka Hain, Jennifer Lange, Christina Rhodes, Emily Buhr, Kaleigh Baloun, Tiffany Kowalski, Grace Edson, Carl Rahrs, Trevor Schnabel, Mindi Kowalski, Aaron Blase, Amanda Dent, Calvin Rahrs.

One-Act Play

This year's production of *Expose': Holiday Celebrities Tell All* was quite humorous. The holiday icons we all know and love go on strike and tell their end of the story. The cast and crew of 28 students held their first two performances in Polk. They placed third in the CRC competition which was held in Giltner. Outstanding acting medals were awarded to Nic Beck, Josh Hohnholt, and Christina Rhodes. The last performance was the district competition in Osceola. They came away with a disappointing seventh place. Josh Hohnholt, Christina Rhodes, Kyle Hohnholt, Aaron Blase, and Kayla Beck all received outstanding acting awards. Dorla Lindburg and Teri Beck did a phenomenal job as directors for this production.

Right: **Aaron Blase** pouting over his job being the New Year's baby.

Right: **Christina Rhodes** wondering what happened to her meatballs.

Below: **Josh Hohnholt** acting like a nervous turkey obsessed with corn.

Above: **Drew Rodine** trying to lay an easter egg.

Above right: **Nic Beck** complaining about his job being the tooth fairy.

Right: **Laura Garey** and **David Oliver** on their speed date.

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Above: **Brent Scherer** playing an angry Santa Clause who was overweight and lactose intolerant.
Above Left: **Kyle Hohnholt** and **Joe Fowler** discussing the situation.
Left: **Kayla Beck** upset with the tooth fairy's antics.

Trevor Schnabel (Bald Eagle) proclaiming "I'm not bald!"

Back row: Mindi Kowalski, Trevor Schnabel, David Oliver, Garrison Swanson, Hana Lindburg, Grace Edson, Megan Carson, Nic Beck, Justin Blase, Heather Reimers, Directors Dorla Lindburg and Teri Beck, Aaron Blase, Amanda Dent. Middle row: Kyle Hohnholt, Meghan Hammond, Chris Ziemba, Joe Fowler, Brent Scherer, Front row: Whitney Flinn, Tiffany Kowalski, Kayla Beck, Laura Garey, Christina Rhodes, Drew Rodine, Josh Hohnholt, Bianka Hain, Brandon Bankson, Josh Hudson, Haley Stromberg.

SPEECH

The Speech Team
Fourth row: Josh Weese, Kyle Hohnholt, Aaron Blase, Amber Karren, Kaleigh Baloun, Tiffany Kowalski.
Third row: Coach Sue Wilgocki, Trevor Schnabel, Matt Anderson, Grant Friesen, Moritz Guenther, Whitney Flinn, Coach Jean B
Second row: Garrett Reimers, Bianka Hain, Kayla Beck, Megan Carson, Grace Edson, David Oliver.
First row: Josh Hohnholt, Jennifer Lange, Christina Rhodes, Calvin Rahrs, Brent Scherer.

It was a huge year for the speech team, with more members joining than any other year. The team attended a total of five meets, followed by the conference meet in Hampton, districts at Loup City, and the state speech meet at UNK.

The OID 1 team of Kayla Beck, Josh Hohnholt, Brent Scherer, Megan Carson, Trevor Schnabel, and Aaron Blase received 4th at CRC and 3rd at districts. The OID 2nd team of Moritz Guenther, Bianka Hain, Jennifer Lange, and Heather Reimers received 5th place at the Ham-mer meet. Tiffany Kowalski earned a 3rd place medal at the Ham-mer meet in extemporaneous speaking. Jennifer Lange in Humorous Prose, received 2nd place at the Ham-mer meet and 3rd place at districts. Calvin Rahrs earned a 2nd place medal in Informative at the Ham-mer meet, 4th place at Osceola, and 3rd place at districts. Trevor Schnabel, in Humorous Prose, received 6th place at Osceola, 4th place at Cedar Rapids, and 6th place at CRC. Aaron Blase received 4th place at CRC and at districts in Entertainment speaking. Amber Karren earned a 6th place medal at CRC and 3rd place at districts in Poetry. Also in Poetry, Christina Rhodes received 3rd place at the Ham-mer meet, 3rd place at Cedar Rapids, 3rd place at CRC, 2nd place at districts, and earned two superiors at state. Kaleigh Baloun received 6th place at CRC in Persuasive. In Duet, Brent Scherer and Christina Rhodes received 4th place at the Ham-mer meet, 4th at Cedar Rapids, 3rd at CRC, 1st at districts, and 5th at state.

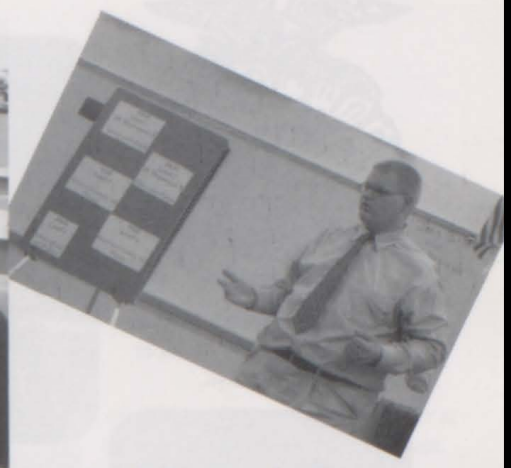
Thanks to each member of the speech team for working hard and congratulations for receiving all of your accomplishments.

Trevor Schnabel presents hi Humerous Prose.

Aaron Blase giving his Entertainment speech on his family vacation.

Amber Karren received 3rd place at Districts in Poetry.

Jean Blase and **Sue Wilgocki**, the hard working speech coaches. They put in a lot of time helping the team members with practices and improving their pieces.



Calvin Rahrs giving his Informative speech.

Brent Scherer and **Christina Rhodes** performing "The Kissing Scene" for their Duet acting. They qualified for State and placed 5th.

Megan Carson, Trevor Schnabel, Aaron Blase, Josh Hohnholt and **Kayla Beck** received 3rd at Districts in OID.

Jennifer Lange received 3rd place at Districts in humorous prose.

Whitney Flinn and **David Oliver** performing "Taxi" for their Duet acting.

Josh Hohnholt received an excellent at CRC for his entertainment speech.

Kyle Hohnholt, Matt Anderson, and **Aaron Blase** playing cards while waiting for the medals presentation at one of the meets.

Laura Garey relaxing at one of the speech meets and playing Moritz's guitar.

Right: **Jeremiah Reyner** pulling the FFA's float at Bean Days.

Brent Scherer calling the banquet to order.

Above: **Mr. Nielson** giving out awards to parents and members.

Right: **Erin Hammond** giving **Matt Anderson** the Vice-President position for next year.

Front row: Matt Anderson, Isaac Samuelson, Meghan Hammond, Brent Scherer, Erin Hammond, Chris Ziemba, Jeremiah Reyner, Tiffany Kowalski. Second row: Nick Gustafson, Scott Holtorf, Mandi Hanquist, Sarah Hammon Kelli Stevens, Laura Garey, Kayla Beck, Lacey Stromberg, Luke Samuelson, Aaron Blase, Mindy Kowalski, Jonella Yrkoski. Third row: Joe Ditloff, Anthony Beck, Josh Gustafson, Matt Lampshire, Kevin Church, Kaleigh Baloun, Grant Friesen, Chris Reed, Josh Fitzgerald, Calvin Rahrs, Josh Weese, Megan Burruss.

Kelli Stevens and **Meghan Hammond** smiling for the camera.

Erin Hammond, Brent Scherer, Chris Ziemba, Jeremiah Reyner, Meghan Hammond, and **Mr. Nielson** chowing down at the banquet.

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Left: **Ashley Fleming** and **Allison Veburg** racing to the finish line during the corn races during FFA week.

Far left: **Joe Ditloff** and **Matt Lampshire** are standing by their pickups that won for the dirtiest pickups during FFA week.

Erin Hammond, **Meghan Hammond**, and **Kelli Stevens** pose for a picture during State FFA.

Left: **Travis Kuhn** giving a prayer at the annual parent/member banquet.

Chris Ziemba holding a calf for **Mrs. Wilgoski** to kiss during FFA week. The student voted for the teacher to have this honor by putting coins in jars. Mr. Arasmith and Mrs. Wilgoski won.

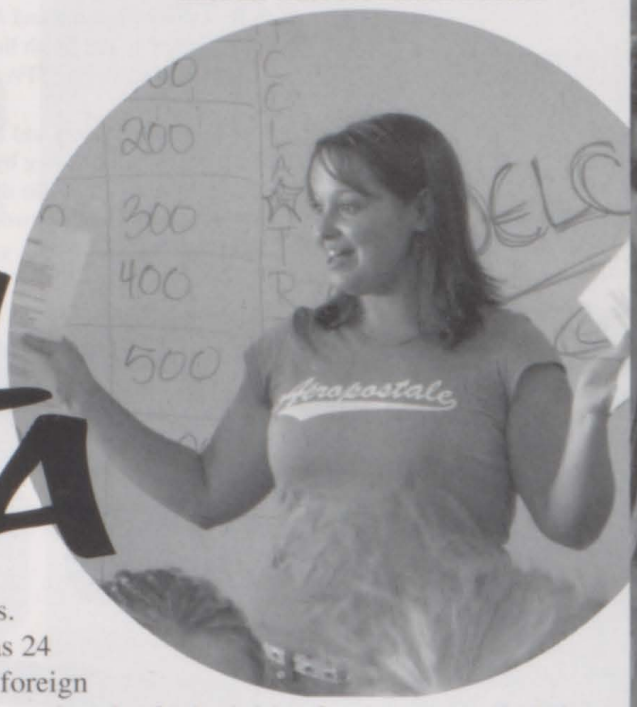
The officers for FFA were: Brent Scherer, President; Erin Hammond, Vice-President; Chris Ziemba, Secretary; Isaac Samuelson, Treasurer; Tiffany Kowalski, News Reporter; Meghan Hammond, Sentinel; Matt Anderson, Parliamentarian; Travis Kuhn, Chaplain; and Jeremiah Reyner, Historian. They attend COLT and Chapter Officer Leadership Training to learn more about their duties and how to promote leadership during the year.

Their activities for the year included a petting zoo and float for Bean Days in Clarks, projects were taken to the state fair, several judging and evaluation contests, Husker Harvest Days, Ag Career Development event, and celebrating FFA week. Aaron Blase won the creed speaking contest, receiving his FFA coat, and Meghan and Erin Hammond attended the National FFA Convention. Twenty-six members attended the State FFA Convention, with Brent Scherer, Chris Ziemba, Erin Hammond, Tiffany Kowalski, and Joshua Gustafson receiving their State Degrees.

Dillion Harcchelroad was the guest speaker at the annual Parent/Member Banquet. Awards for the year were handed out and members of the community that assisted the chapter this last year were honored with certificates of appreciation. Greenhand Degree were awarded to: Aaron Blasé, Kaleigh Baloun, Josh Fitzgerald, Lacey Stromberg, Jeremiah Reyner, Luke Samuelson, Tanner Kuhn, Jonella Yrkoski, Megan Burruss, Laura Garey, Kayla Beck, and Josh Weese. The Star Greenhand was awarded to Aaron Blase. Chapter Degree were awarded to: Grant Friesen, Anthony Beck, Matthew Lampshire, Matthew Anderson, Lacey Stromberg, Scott Holtorf, Nick Gustafson, Jeremiah Reyner, Joe Ditloff, and Sarah Hammond. The Dekalb award was presented to Chris Ziemba as the outstanding senior agricultural education student.

FCCLA

Below: President, **Christina Rhodes**, who also served as our representative to the District and filled the office of Financial Director.



Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America is an organization that offers many opportunities to improve leadership skills - Involvement is key and this year we had lots of involvement by the members.

Our total membership was 24 including Bianka Hain, our foreign exchange student, who was very involved. Activities for the year included: Kids games at Bean Days, volunteering at the bloodmobile when held in Polk, celebrating FCCLA week in February with dress up days and games, attending DLC and collecting health care items for a Crisis Center in Columbus. The STAR competition was held in Polk this year and we had lots of help running this event from our members, we also collected bears for the "Bears Because We Care" program and gave them to the Polk and Clarks ambulance crews, we planted flowers at Long Term Care in Central City, and raised money by selling and making pizzas at Godfathers in Columbus. Twelve members attended the State Conference with 11 competing and bringing home bronze medals. The Parliamentary Procedure team of Heather Church, Megan Carson, Tara Tonniges, Skye Hejtmanek, Josh Hohnholt, Brent Scherer, Christina Rhodes, and Jonella Yrkoski, worked hard to learn the order of business. Whitney, Flinn, David Oliver, and Sarah Staniec presented a Focus On Children program.

This year Jonella Yrkoski completed the 5 units for Power of One, this is a program where the individual person takes on the challenge of completing goals that they set for themselves. We had a very active and enjoyable group this year. Thank you to all who participated and helped with the activities.

Members who went to State FCCLA. Back row: **David Oliver, Josh Hohnholt, Brent Scherer, Megan Carson.** Middle row: **Whitney Flinn, Sarah Staniec, Tara Tonniges, Heather Church.** Front row: **Christina Rhodes, Jonella Yrkoski, Skye Hejtmanek, Bianka Hain.**

Above: The group that went to DLC (District Leadership Conference) in St. Edward: **Christina Rhodes, Josh Hohnholt, Kayla Beck, Hana Lindburg, Laura Garey, David Oliver, Sarah Staniec, Whitney Flinn, Bianka Hain.**

Left: **Calvin Shivley** eats a doughnut on a string for one of the games held during lunch for FCCLA week.

Officers

Christina Rhodes - President
Laura Garey - Vice President
Whitney Flinn - Secretary
Hana Lindburg - Treasurer
Kayla Beck - Historian
Haley Stromberg - Parliamentarian
Skye Hejtmanek - Recreational Chairperson
Heather Church - Publicity Chairperson

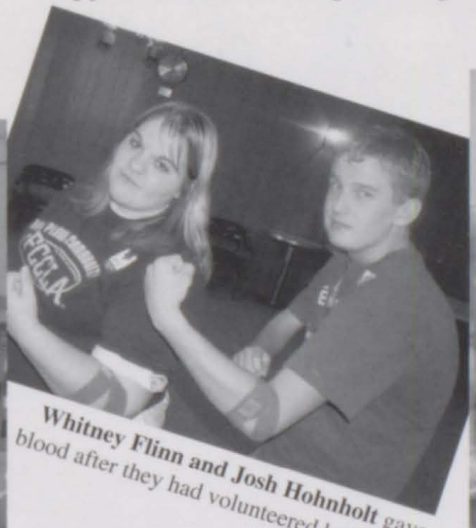
FCCLA members Back Row: Brent Scherer, Justin Blase, Garrett Reimers, Jonella Yrkoski, David Oliver, Megan Burruss, Mary Ziemba, Josh Hohnholt, Meagan Sundberg, Hana Lindburg, Denise Carlstrom, Bianka Hain, Todd Schulze, and Whitney Flinn. Front Row: Haley Stromberg, Tara Tonniges, Skye Hejtmanek, Megan Carson, Kayla Beck, Laura Garey, Christina Rhodes, Sarah Staniec, and Lacey Stromberg.

Denise Carlstrom, Sarah Staniec, Haley Stromberg, Whitney Flinn, Mary Ziemba, and **Lacey Stromberg** having pizza at Godfathers. after making 250 of them.

David Oliver, Sarah Staniec, and **Whitney Flinn** participated in STAR receiving top gold at Districts and a bronze at State.

As our final service project, **Mary Ziemba, Brent Scherer, Kayla Beck, Haley Stromberg, Jonella Yrkoski, Megan Burruss, Josh Hohnholt,** and **Christina Rhodes**, went to Long Term Care in Central City to plant flowers.

Megan Burruss, Heather Church, Jonella Yrkoski, Hana Lindburg, Tara Tonniges, and **Megan Carson** eating pizza after the full mornig of making them.



Whitney Flinn and Josh Hohnholt gave blood after they had volunteered helping out.

Jonella Yrkoski completed the five units for Power of One. She received recognition at the state conference.

Ryan Rathjen and **Karlie Blase** won "hush day" during FCCLA week.

This year the desktop publishing class was only seven students. To Mrs. Gilson these seven students are very important. If she didn't have us the yearbook would not exist. Besides making the yearbook, we also put the monthly newsletter together, sell ads for the yearbook, and try to get pictures to put in the yearbook.

Some people may think this is an easy class but it isn't. It takes a lot of our time and effort. In this class we have to work together to get pictures and design the pages for the yearbook. While we are working on the pages we also have to make sure the monthly newsletter comes out on time.

The newsletter includes articles about what happened in the month before or something that is going to happen the next month. But we also have to put the mailing labels on them to get them to everybody before the end of the month. But when the deadlines for the yearbook pages and the newsletters get in the way it is a pain to get it all done on time.

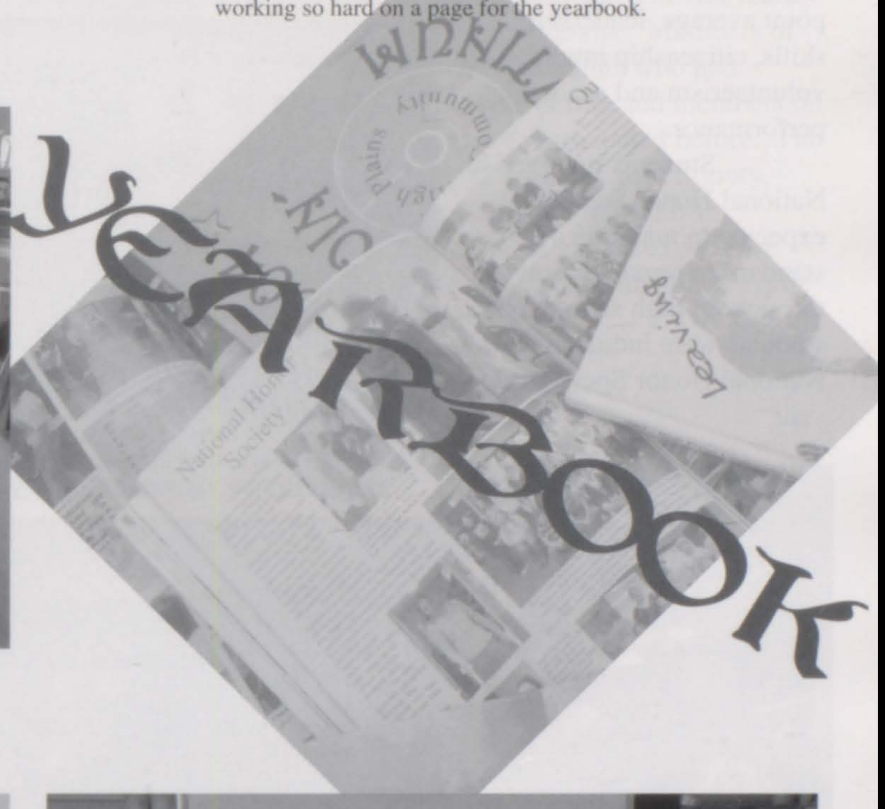
When all is said and done we all had fun going out and selling ads, taking pictures, designing the pages, but it was also pretty stressful. But every one enjoys what we put together. We get done in May with all the pages, but nobody gets to see the yearbook, all finished and neat, until August.

YEARBOOK STAFF
Brandon Bankson
Josh Hudson
Danielle Sneed
Kelli Stevens
Ashley Stobel
Drew Rodine
Haley Stromberg

Mrs. Gilson is looking at papers to figure out what she has to do next for the yearbook.

Kelli Stevens and **Drew Rodine** take a picture and laugh, what a relief after working so hard on a page for the yearbook.

Drew Rodine and **Josh Hudson** don't even take time to smile for the camera while they are working hard.



Haley Stromberg is looking through an old yearbook for ideas to help do this years book.

Brandon Bankson and **Ashley Strobel**, what are you two looking at?

National Honor Society

The High Plains Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted their new members in April. A private ceremony was held in the band room during the last period of the day. Mrs. Lott was the sponsor for the group. Drew Rodine was the President and Brandon Bankson was the Vice President. Eligible students must apply to be considered. They are evaluated on their grade point average, leadership skills, citizenship involvement, volunteerism and academic performance.

Students involved in National Honor Society are expected to maintain a certain standard to remain involved throughout high school. Nine students were inducted to the National Honor Society this year.

Above right: **Candice Swedenburg, Ashley Strobel**, and **Heidi Hanquist** enjoying refreshments at the ceremony.

Drew Rodine and **Heidi Hanquist** inducting the new members: **Mary Ziemba, Alison Veburg, Brooke Engel, Matthew Anderson, Skye Hejtmanek, Marcus Bender, Garrett Reimers, Nate Hoffman, and Todd Schulze**.

Christina Rhodes reading her p in the induction ceremony.

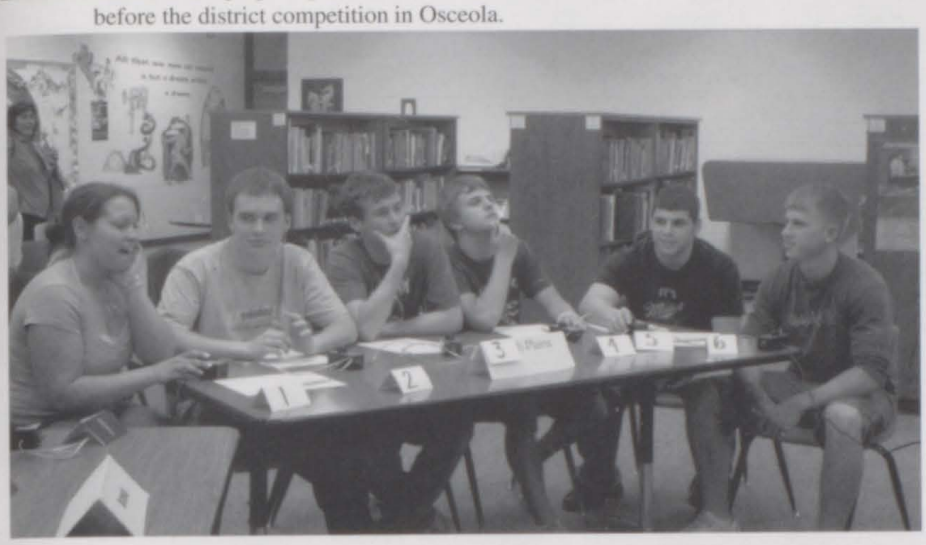
Above: **Todd Schulze** receiving his certificate from NHS president **Drew Rodine**.

Above: **Brooke Engel** receiving her certificate from NHS president **Drew Rodine**.

First row: Mary Ziemba, Matthew Anderson, Garrett Reimers. Second row: Brooke Engel, Alison Veburg, Skye Hejtmanek, Marcus Bender, Todd Schulze, Nate Hoffman. Third row: Haley Stromberg, Drew Rodine, Heidi Hanquis Isaac Samuelson, Kylie Shoup, Lauren Redman, Christina Rhodes, Jonella Yrkoski. Fourth row: Laura Garey, Whitn Flinn, Brandon Bankson, Chris Ziemba, Ashley Strobel, Candice Swedenburg, Logan Glasser, Trent Norquest. (Not pictured: Josh Hudson and Tara Tonniges)

Quiz Bowl

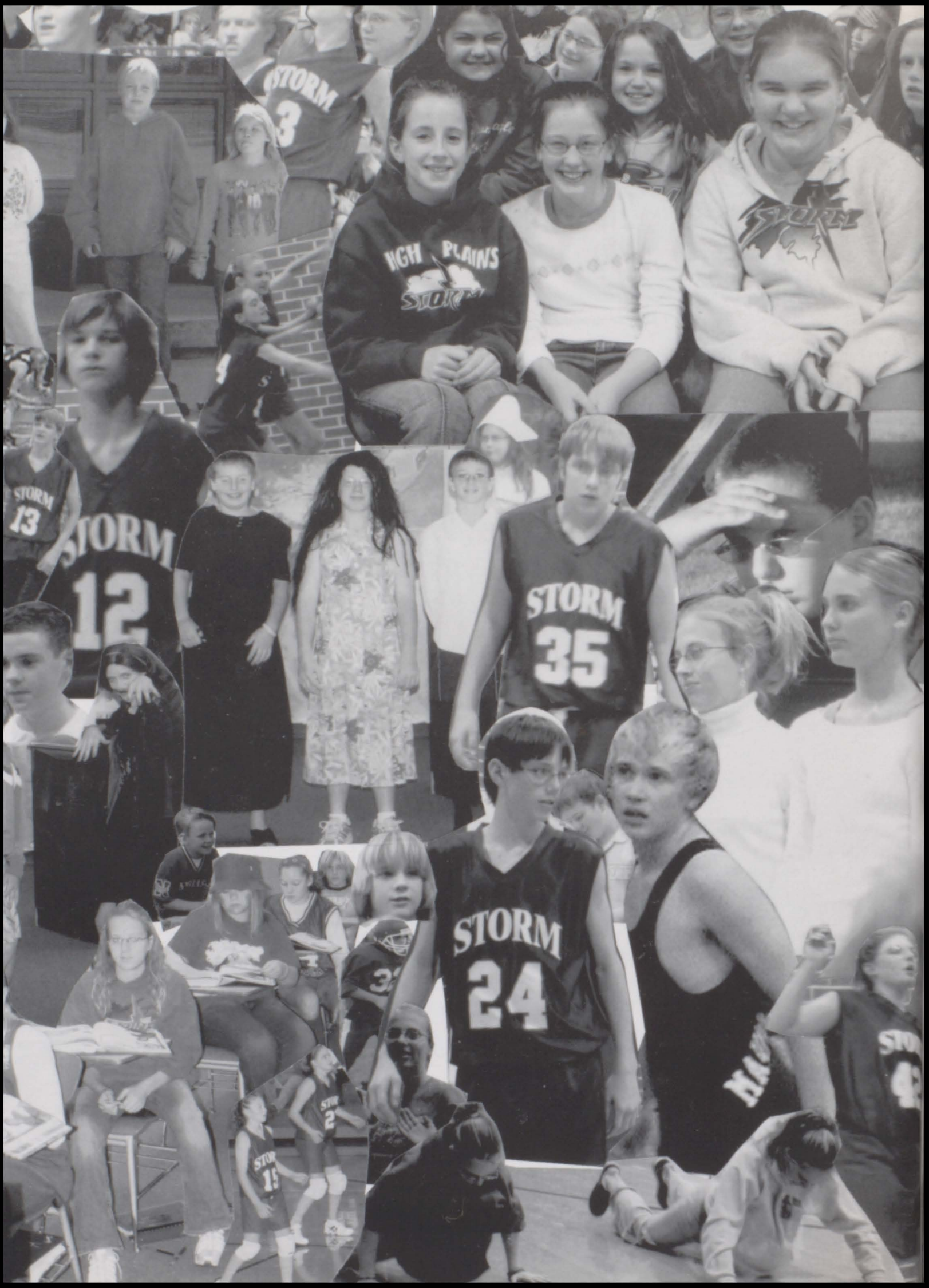
Brent Scherer using an encyclopedia to quiz **Christina Rhodes** while **Mike Wagoner**, **Justin Blase**, **Todd Schulze** and **Brandon Bankson** are preparing themselves in their own way before the district competition in Osceola.



The quiz bowl members attended three competition this year, an invite at Cross County, the Crossroads Conference meet in Shickley, and the District competition, which was held in Osceola. An advanced team and a novice team attended the Cross County invite. Members of the advanced team were students who had participated in quiz bowl before and members on the novice team had not participated before. The advanced team placed third at Cross County, fourth at Shickley, and had a fun time at Osceola. The novice team gained experience and found out what it takes to compete at a quiz bowl competition.

Left: **Christina Rhodes, Brent Scherer, Brandon Bankson, Justin Blase, Mike Wagoner**, and **Todd Schulze** thinking deeply during the competion.

Front row: Aaron Blase, Isaac Samuelson, Justin Blase, Caleb Church, Jesse Dubas, Nic Beck.
Back row: Josh Wiese, Grace Edson, Garrett Reimers, Josh Hohnholt, Brent Scherer, Christina Rhodes, Mike Wagoner, Erin Hammond, Marcus Bender, Nate Hoffman, Josh Hudson, Amanda Hanquist, Brooke Engal, Brandon Bankson, Luke Samuelson.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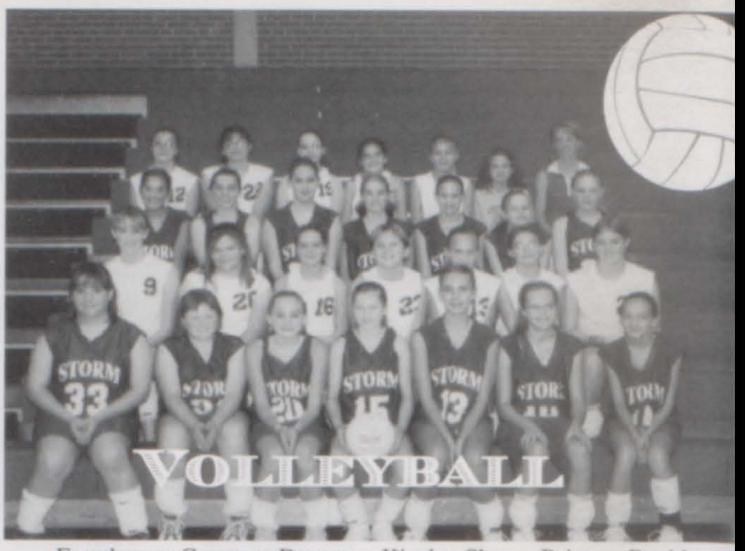
Back row: Coach Mike Cotter, Brandon Sundberg, Jacob Kennedy, Jason Church, Jonathon Hanquist, James VanHousen, Ben Schulze, Joshua Reyner, Kyler LeSuer, Wyatt Miller.
Front row: Kory Stevens, Taylor Doremus, Ian Carson, Ryland Veburg, Daniel Thies, Trevor Osantowski, Trent Tonniges, Jordan Gustafson, Jon Oliver, Jared Hollenbeck.

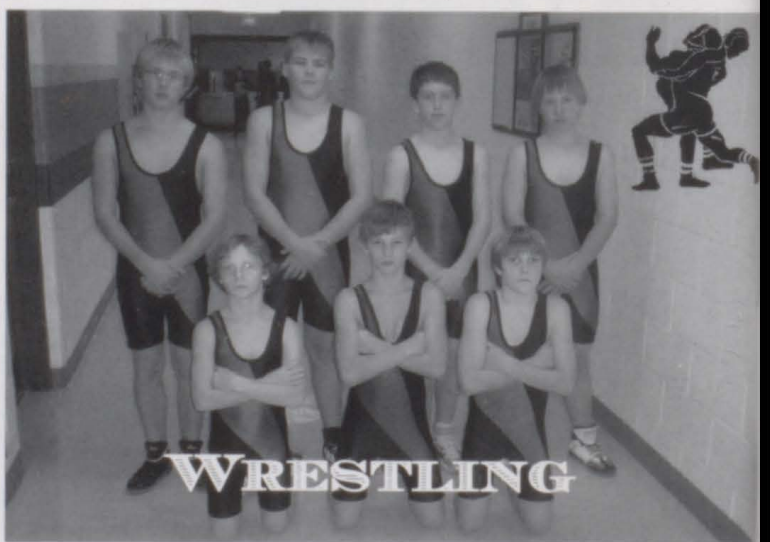


Fourth row: Courtney Doremus, Kinsley Shoup, Brittany Benkis, Rachel Shotkoski, Kaylee Reimers, Hilary Kava, Coach Angie Eberle.
Third row: Katrina Quick, Hannah Lott, Jamie Scherer, Ariana Bolton, Ashley Swanson, Taylor Scherer, Shelby Labarge.
Second row: Emily Letcher, Kylie Jarecke, Laurie Riblett, Caroline Wilson, Melissa Sundberg, Jessica Geidel, Sara Church.
First row: Lacey Jarecke, Amanda Burruss, Tyler Sneed, Whitney Engel, Nealey Hoffman, Sierra Dittmer, Alison Anderson.

Fourth row: Whitney Engel, Ashley Swanson, Caroline Wilson, Ariana Bolton, Alison Anderson, Jessica Geidal. Third row: Kylie Jarecke, Tyler Sneed-Quinonez, Nealey Hoffman, Melissa Sundberg, Amanda Kobza, Sierra Dittmer. Second row: Coach Joe Krysl, Katrina Quick, Taylor Scherer, Kinsley Shoup, Becky Kobza, Lacey Jarecke. First row: Hannah Lott, Amanda Burruss, Jamie Scherer, Shelby Labarge, Rachel Shotkoski.

Fourth row: Coach Steve Meyer. Third Row: Joshua Greo, Tony Vega, Wyatt Miller, Brandon Sundberg. Second Row: James Vanhousen, Jordan Gustafson, Trent Tonniges, Caleb Schulte, Ryland Veburg. Fourth Row: Jon Oliver, Robert Wilson, Kory Stevens, Ben Schulze, Jonathan Hanquist, Kyler LeSuer

First row: Coach Cameron Hudson, Coach Andy Vrbka, Arianna DeMary, Nealey Hoffman, Coach Norm Manstedt. Second row: Hannah Lott, Brandon Sundberg, Lacey Jarecke, Kinsley Shoup, Sierra Dittmer, Ian Carson, Becky Kobza, Emily Letcher. Thrid row: Allison Anderson, Taylor Scherer, Jacob Kenndy, Kyler LeSuer, Ben Schulze, Jonthan Hanquist, Kory Stevens, Josh Greo, Jamie Scherer. Fourth row: Jessica Giedel, Ariana Bolton, Ashley Swanson, Trevor Osantowski, Trent Tonniges, Ryland Veburg, Katrina Quick, Taylor Doremus. Fifth row: Kaylee Riemers, Brooke Brown, Amanda Kobza, Melissa Sundberg, Whitney Engel, Tyler Sneed, Kylie Jarecke, Courtney Doremus. Sixth row: Jon Oliver, Joshua Reyner, Jason Church, Daniel Thies, James VanHousen, Jordan Gustafson, Matt McKinnis, Caleb Schulze.



Back row: Jared Hollenbeck, Jason Church, Matt Mickins, Joshua Reyner
Front row: Daniel Thies, Ian Carson, Trevor Osantowski.

Middle School Scoreboards

Football

Opponent	Score
Palmer	L 0-46
Shelby	L 8-44
Giltner	L 6-40
Exeter-Milligan	L 8-42

Volleyball

Opponent	Score
Giltner	0-2
Rising City	1-1
Palmer	1-2
Hampton	1-2
McCool	2-1
Exeter-Milligan	0-2
Cross County	1-2
Chapman	2-1

Wrestling

Meets Attended
Clay Center Invite
Dorchester Invite
Walnut Invite
Osceola Invite
Schuyler Invite
Central City Invite
Seward Invite

Girls Basketball

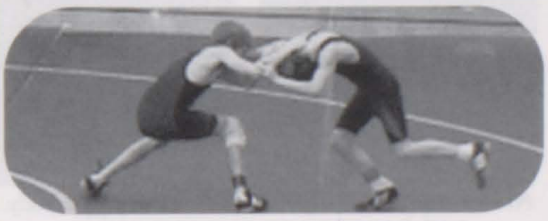
Opponent	Score
Giltner	9-31
Rising City	15-29
Chapman	16-21
Hampton	27-21
Palmer	32-14
McCool	20-9
NE Christian	31-17
Cedar Rapids	32-24
Humphrey	12-40
Elba	15-10

Boys Basketball

Opponent	Score
Giltner	18-32
Rising City	43-25
Hampton	19-39
Palmer	15-33
McCool	37-23
NE Christian	36-12
Fullerton	24-32
Elba	41-28
St. Libory	48-38
NE Christian	57-18

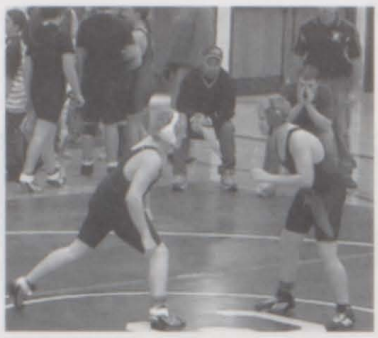
Track

	Girls	Boys
High Plains Invite	4th	5th
Hampton Invite	6th	9th
NE Christian Invite	4th	4th
CRC Meet	2nd	5th
Twin River Invite	2nd	5th



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr. Meyer giving a pep talk to the boys and instructing them on the next play.



Jason Church trying to set up the shot.

Wyatt Miller trying to put the shot up and teammates ready for the rebound.

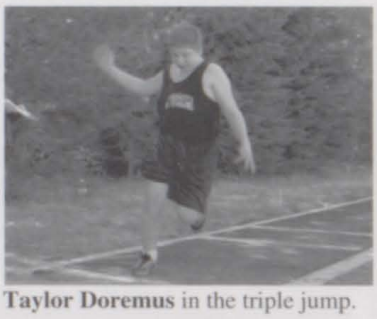
Kory Stevens taking the ball out of bounds.

Melissa Sundberg running for the finish.

Kyler LeSuer showing his jumping skills

Becky Kobza trying to knock the ball out of the opponents hands.

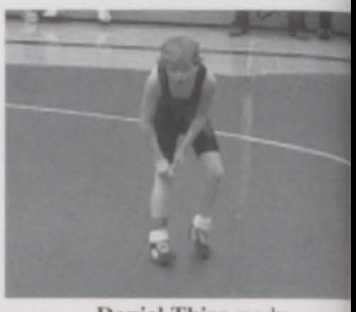
DJ Wilson ready and waiting for the ball.



Taylor Doremus in the triple jump.

Jamie Scherer ready for the rebound.

Trevor Osantowski ready for his landing.

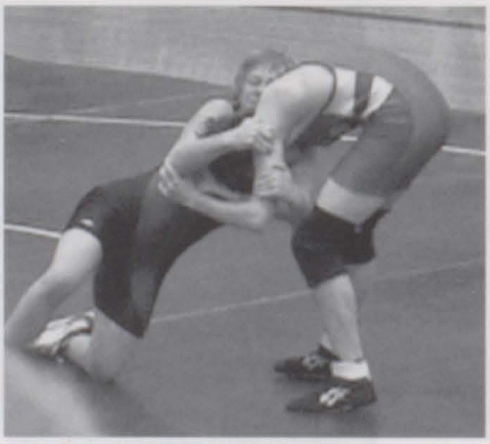


Daniel Thies ready for his next match.

Ashley Swanson trying to break the string.

Nealey Hoffman ready for the spike.

Down and ready.



Joshua Reyner trying to snap the opponent down.

Sierra Dittmer setting the ball.

SPORTS

The B team going for the spike.

Amanda Burruss ready to receive the volleyball.

Whitney Engel showing her disgust with the refs call.

yland Veburg, Wyatt Miller, and **Kyler LeSuer** rying to get the ball before it goes out of bounds.

Jordan Gustafson and **Jon Oliver** ready to score a touchdown.

Amanda Kobza playing defense.

Going for the double leg.

This HPC wrestler eyes his opponent and is thinking, take down.

Hannah Lott serving an ace.

Ariana Bolton competes in the long jump.

Tony Vega, Jon Oliver, Ben Schulze, and **Trent Tonniges** watching the game and hoping they get to play soon.

The volleyball girls bumping the ball over the net.

Tyler Sneed ready to rebound the ball and make a play.

The defensive line is ready and moving.

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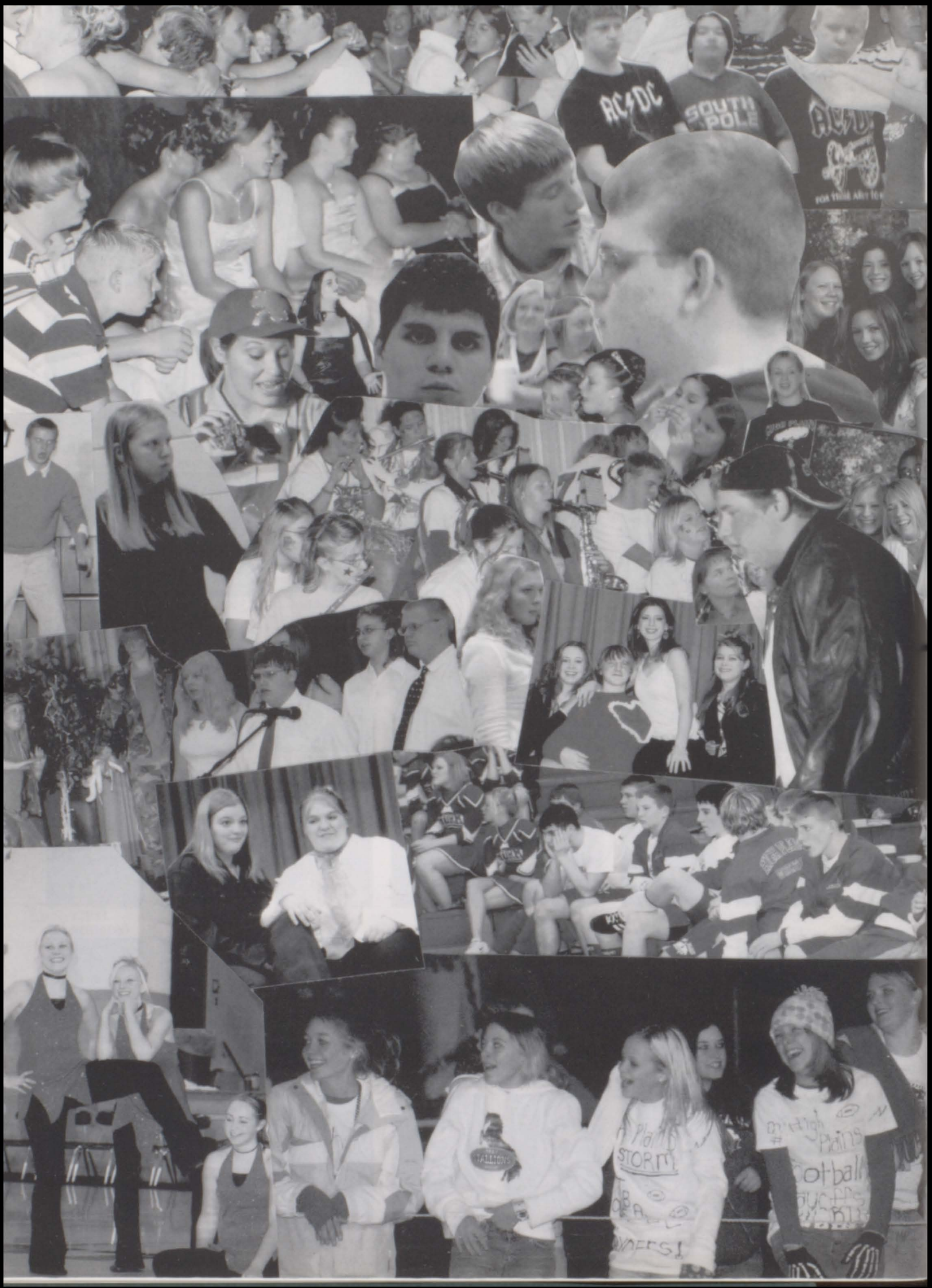
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Dear Josh,

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Love,
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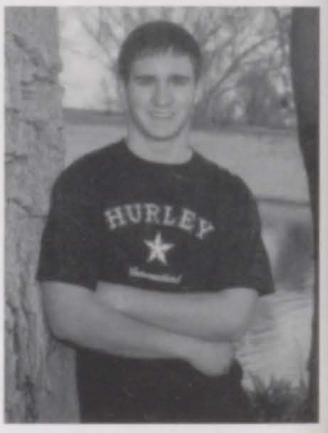
Joshua



It is so hard for me to believe that the oldest of "The Babies" is ready to graduate. We are so proud of the young man you have become. Your entire future is before you and, with Jesus by your side, you can accomplish anything. You have a whole crowd standing behind you supporting you every step of the way.

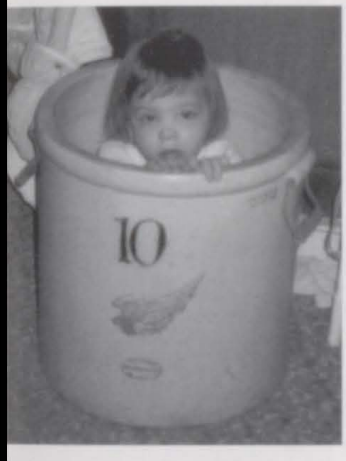
We Love You,
Dad, Mom, Mark, Angela, Clinton, Nick, Jordan
Phil. 4:13

Brandon

**You have been such a very special part of our lives.
We want you to know that you are a blessing and
we are very proud of the fine young man you have become.
God bless you as you continue on life's journey.**

**Love,
Mom and Dad
Nathan and Mikayla**

KELLI



Wow! The time has gone WAY too fast. That tearful morning 13 years ago, watching you climb those school bus steps, seems like only yesterday. You have grown into a beautiful young lady, daughter, sister and friend. We are so very proud of you! Set your goals high - you can achieve whatever is in your heart - as long as you're ambitious and determined. Just "GO FOR IT" with all you've got. Good luck. Be safe. And remember....keep smiling and laughing.

Our Love,
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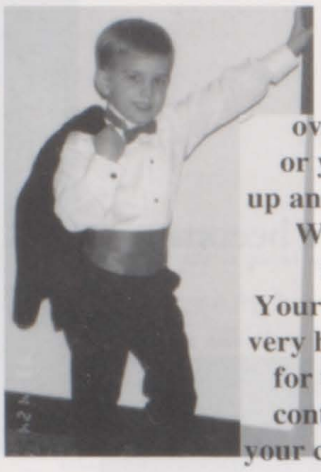
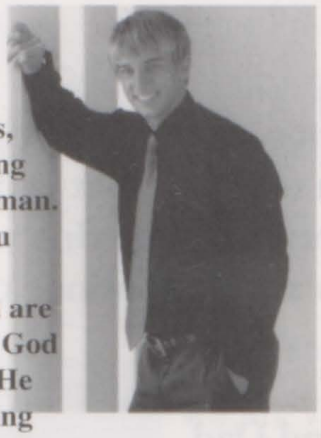


Who has learned more
over the years,we as parents,
or you as a young boy growing
up and becoming a fine young man.
We are so very proud of you
and what you believe in.
Your brothers admire you and are
very happy for you. We thank God
for these memories and may He
continue to be with you, guiding
your choices, making your pathways
bright! Psalms 27:1
Love Dad, Mom, Nick & Derek



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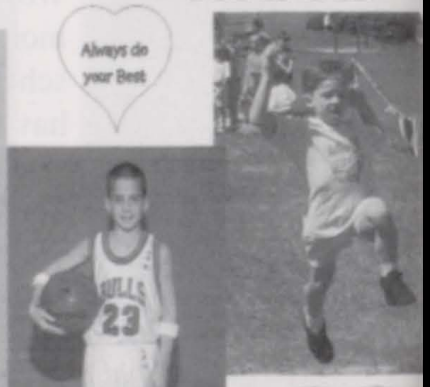


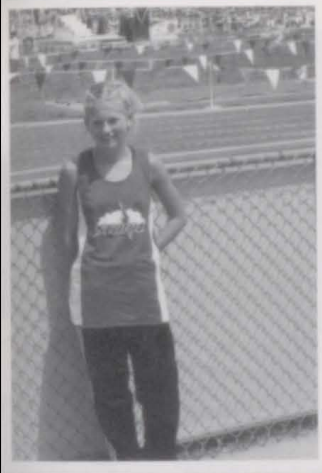
Enjoy Success

Smile-

ASHLEY LIZ

The last 18 years seem to have gone by way too fast. A lot of memories have been made and there are many more for you to come. You have matured into an Aspiring, Special, Huggable, Loving and Enthusiastic Young lady. We have enjoyed watching you accomplish so many things and have also been there for you in times of need. You have so much of life ahead of you with many more goals to achieve. Just be yourself and you will succeed in anything you put your mind to. We wish you luck as you take the next big step in life. We will always be here for you.

Love Ya Always,
Dad, Mom and Haley



Dear Lauren,

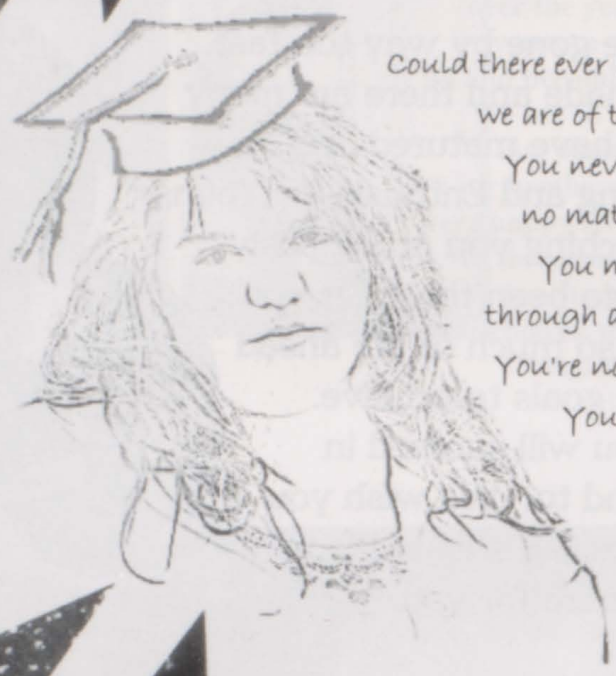
We feel so blessed to have you in our lives! We have enjoyed watching you grow into the beautiful young woman you are and we are so very proud of all your hard work and accomplishments you have achieved. We know you have what it takes to succeed in life!

We love you very much and we will always be here for you!

Much Love,
Mom & Dad
Carly & Lindsay

One fine November day a little star was born.

Her brilliant light would rival the sun!



Could there ever be enough words to express just how proud
we are of the person you're growing up to be?
You never gave up and you never gave in,
no matter what the "popular" thing was.
You managed to hold your head high
through all that high school had to throw at you.
You're not turning out to be a good person, Whit,
You're turning out to be a great one!
You rock on, girl!
We are always going to be there
And we will always be cheering
Love
Ya'Mom & "The Gang"

From the very first she twinkled brightly

glad as she grew we knew that someday

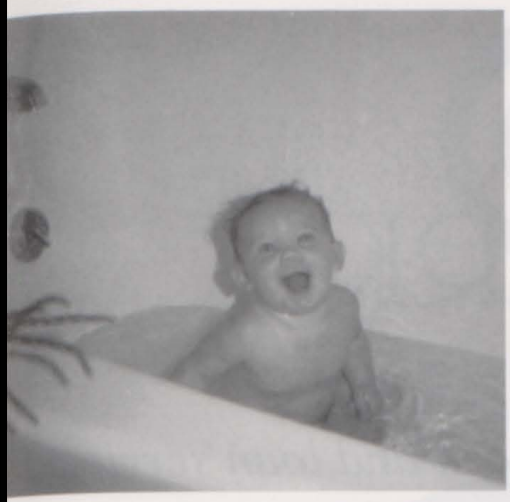
Kayla,

It's been 18 years that passed by in a moment. So many memories that we wished time would stand still. Bringing you home from the hospital when you were born and taking you back when you wrecked your car . . . .

Good Times! Kayla you mean so much to us, you just can't imagine. Although Anthony, Austyn and Kendyl can't wait to see who gets your room none of them will take it because it's your room. We've always told you to make your life, your life. Enjoy it and never forget where you came from.

All our Love.

Mom & Dad



Candice,

On February 2, 1988 our Lives were blessed because you came into the world. We've watched as you've grown and changed with each day. We are proud of your accomplishments and also proud to call you daughter, sister, sister-in-Law, aunt, and friend. You've brought so much joy to our Lives! We wish you the best as you continue to make your dreams come true. Know that we'll always be there for you No matter what! Be good, be careful, and remember - We Love you!

Mom, Caley, Adam, Curtis, Cara, Caleb, Cole, & Chris

Heidi

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We love you,
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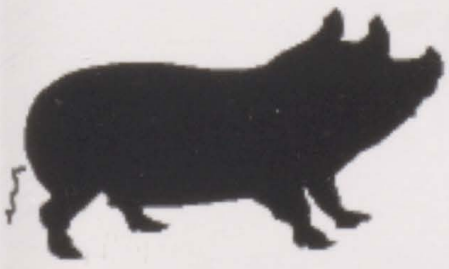

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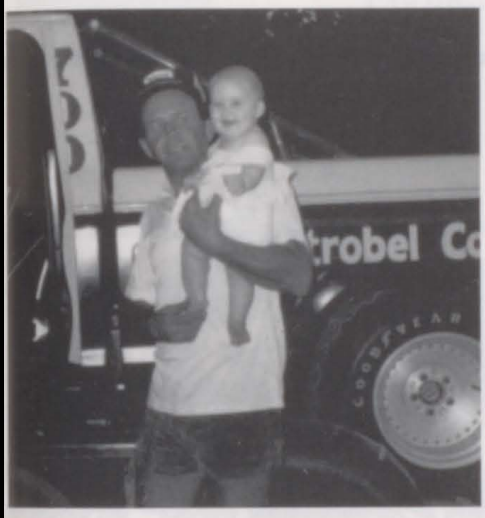

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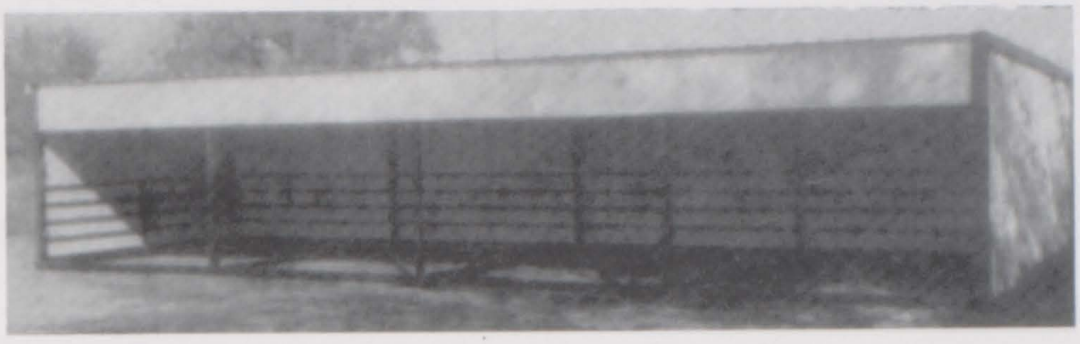

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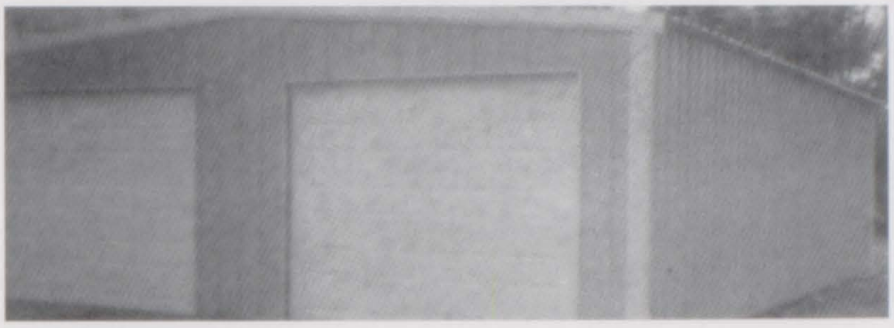

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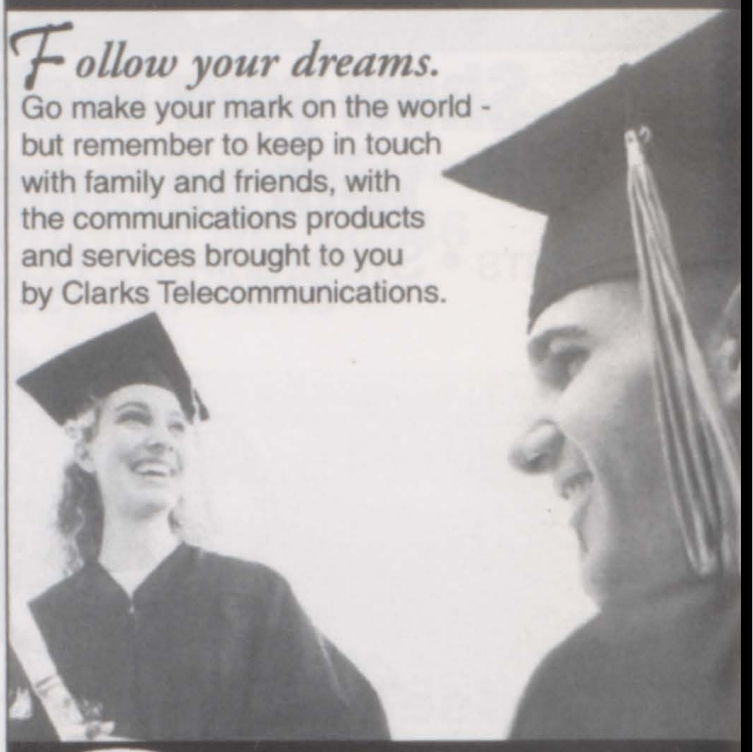

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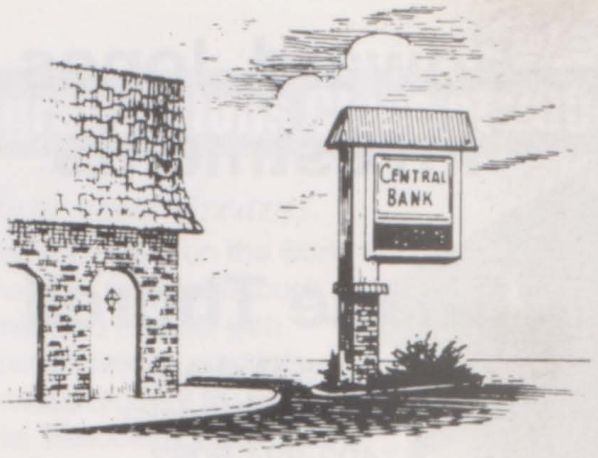

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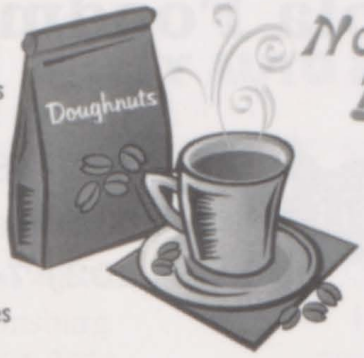

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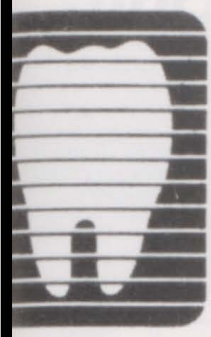

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Pictures used were taken by the yearbook staff, interested students, faculty members, parents, and Studio G. Digital pictures were used or photos were scanned and then placed. The underclassmen school photos were taken by Lifetouch. Senior portraits were taken by a variety of photography studios in the area.

130 books were printed, each containing 117 pages. Prices for the yearbook were $27, without a name on the cover, $29 with a name on the cover, and $30 if purchased after August 1st. Yearbook staff members were: Brandon Bankson, Josh Hudson, Drew Rodine, Dani Sneed, Kelli Stevens, Ashley Strobel, Haley Stromberg, and Advisor Linda Gilson.

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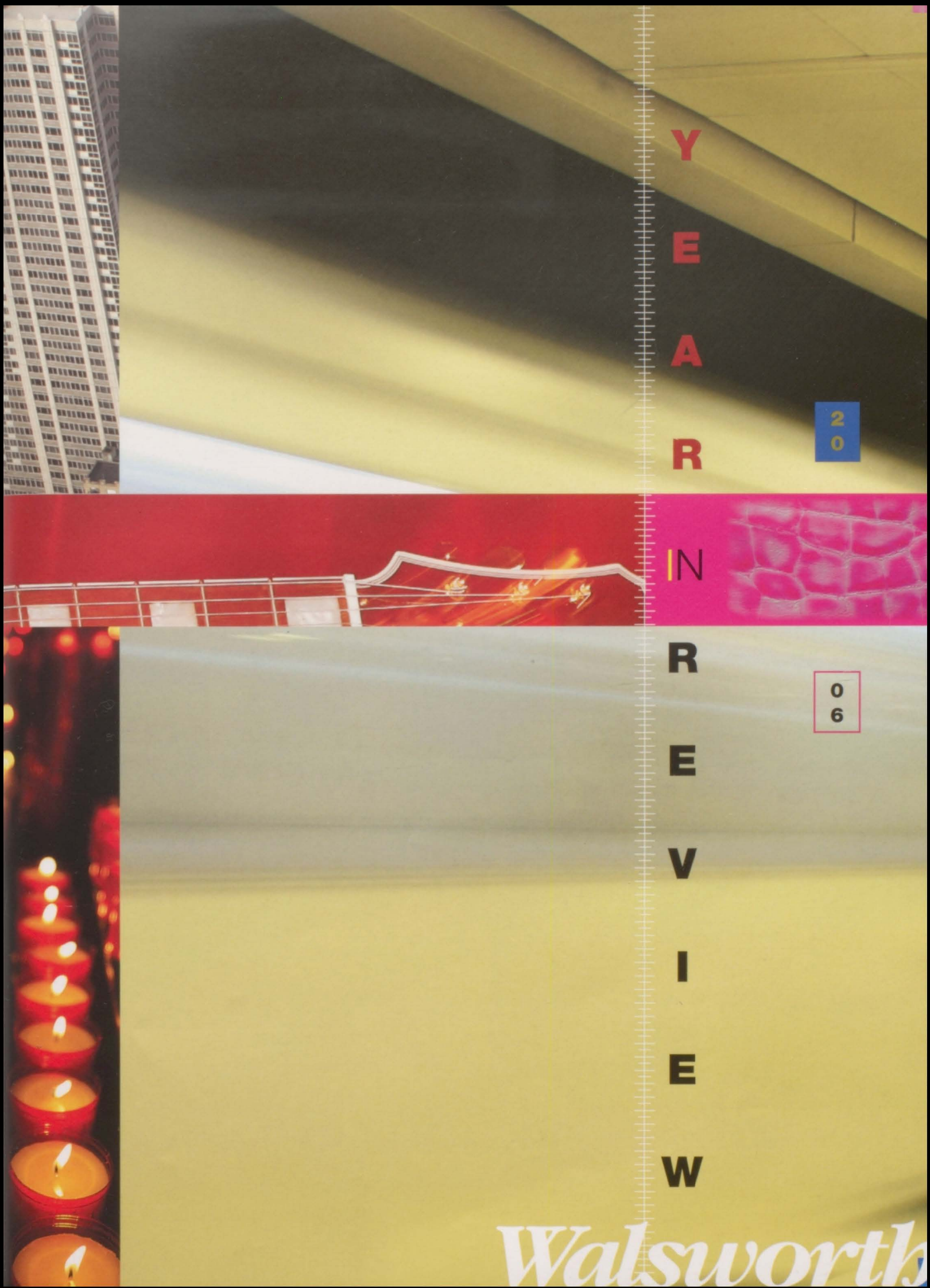
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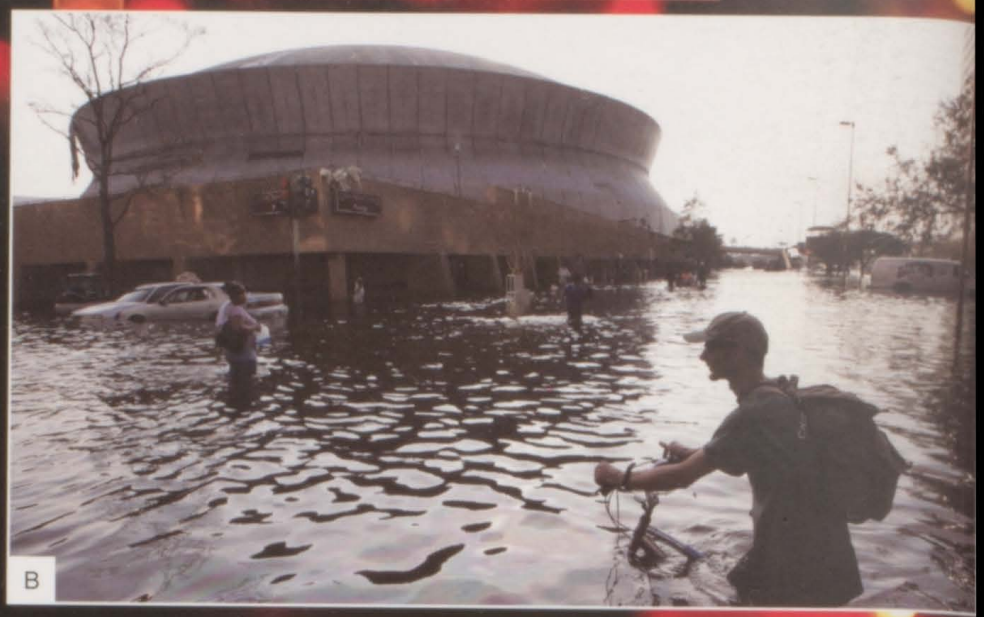
A–D Storm surge

The 2005 hurricane season led to a record 27 named storms – 14 of them hurricanes – with several of them striking the U.S. Gulf and Atlantic coasts. Losses were estimated at $57.6 billion in the U.S. from hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, with those first two storms throwing more than 500,000 people out of work. Here's a breakdown of some of the damage:

- Katrina struck the tip of Florida before making a beeline for Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama on Aug. 29, destroying homes and businesses and taking more than 1,200 lives.
- New Orleans flooded after levees broke, leading to many rooftop rescues. More than 25,000 people, including the 23,000 who fled to the New Orleans Superdome, were sent to Houston's Astrodome for temporary shelter.
- The Mississippi coast took a direct hit, with high winds and 20-foot high waves leveling buildings and even moving casinos off their moorings.
- About 372,000 children from all three states started school in different cities or were being home-schooled; and approximately 18,000 college students from Louisiana spent the fall semester at other universities.
- Rita struck three weeks later in Louisiana and Texas. In one of the largest evacuations ever, 2.8 million people in southeast Texas, including Houston and Galveston, struggled to leave.
- Arlene hit Mississippi and Alabama, while Dennis struck Alabama and Florida. Ophelia stayed offshore of the Carolinas and Virginia and pummeled the area with heavy rains.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E. Hurricane tragedies widespread

Wilma hit Mexico first, stranding tourists and damaging Mexico's resorts and economy. The tragedy was much greater in Guatemala following heavy rain from Hurricane Stan. More than 650 people died and more than 370 were missing after massive landslides there buried communities. Mexico, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras and Costa Rica also reported deaths and damage from Stan.

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Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein went on trial for crimes against humanity.

A three-day transit strike in New York City stranded 7 million people before Christmas.

Angela Merkel became Germany's first woman chancellor.

Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf became president of Liberia and Africa's first elected female head of state.

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F

F. New day in Iraq
Coalition troops, mostly from the U.S., remained in Iraq to put down insurgents as the citizens continued their quest for democracy. Iraqis approved a new constitution in October and their Parliament in December, in an effort to set up their new government.

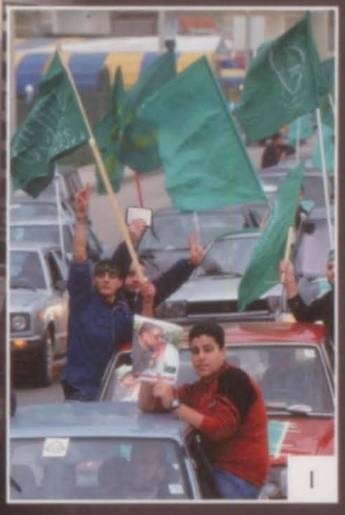
G. New terrorist attacks
London felt the wrath of Islamic extremists when four bombs went off July 7, killing 56 people and injuring 700. Alarming was the fact that the four suicide bombers were Britons. An attempted attack on July 21 was thwarted and the suspects were caught. Bali, Indonesia, was the site of a suicide bombing again following one in 2002, and three suicide bombers attacked three hotels in Amman, Jordan.

G

H. More of Mother Nature's wrath
A severe drought provided kindling for wildfires that consumed hundreds of thousands of acres and hundreds of homes and businesses in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas and Colorado.

H

I. Palestinians elect change
Members of the Hamas organization, which calls for the destruction of Israel, won a majority of the seats in the Palestinian Parliament in January. The United States, the European Union and Israel have labeled Hamas a terrorist group, and were carefully watching the change of government.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J. Top court shuffle
Two vacancies were filled on the U.S. Supreme Court. John G. Roberts became the new chief justice, replacing William Rehnquist after his death. Samuel Alito took the seat of Sandra Day O'Connor, who retired.

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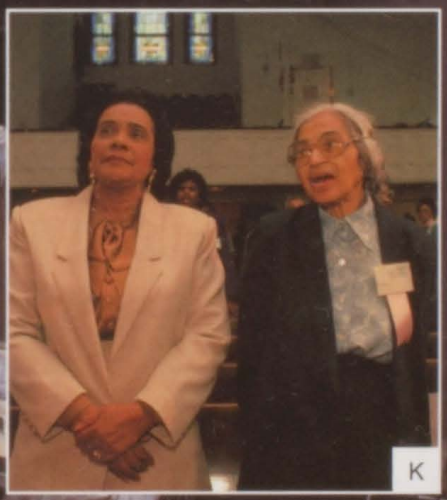
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K. Matriarchs pass on
Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King, two leaders of the civil rights movement, died within a few months of each other. Parks was remembered for refusing to give her bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Ala., in 1955. King was the wife of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., and she founded the King Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta to carry on his work.

L

L. Gas, oil prices heat up
High gasoline prices increased even more following hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which damaged oil refineries in the Gulf region. Prices were up already because of increased summer demand, higher crude prices and less refining capacity worldwide. Winter heating bills also surged as oil companies tried to repair damage and restore production.

Peter Jennings, anchor of ABC's *World News Tonight* for 22 years, died of lung cancer.

Western Union discontinued all telegram services after 150 years.

High school senior Michael Sessions was elected mayor of Hillsdale, Mich., beating the incumbent as a write-in candidate.

W. Mark Felt, a 91-year-old former FBI official, revealed he was Deep Throat of the Watergate scandal.

M. Mountain tragedy
A massive earthquake in the mountains of the Kashmir region of Pakistan in October killed more than 79,000 people, injured almost as many, and left about 3.3 million homeless as winter approached. Donations were lacking and relief supplies were slow in reaching the needy.

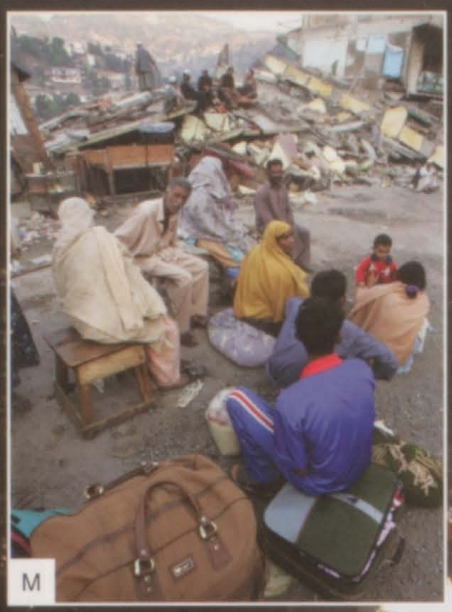
N. New Pope
Joseph Ratzinger, a 78-year-old German cardinal, was installed as Pope Benedict XVI. Benedict, who now leads the world's 1.1 billion Catholics, worked closely in the Vatican with his predecessor, Pope John Paul II.

O. Flu scare for the birds
Medical officials put the world on notice after a strain of avian flu was detected in some isolated human cases in China and Hong Kong. After more cases popped up elsewhere, the World Health Organization urged countries to prepare for a possible pandemic. There were concerns not only about migratory birds spreading the disease, but commercial fowl shipped for consumption.

P. Nuclear concerns
The U.S., Great Britain, France and Germany continued to pressure Iran to reduce its nuclear activities, and wanted the United Nations security council to impose sanctions.

Q. Should they listen in?
The National Security Agency came under fire for using electronic eavesdropping without warrants. The practice began after the 9/11 attacks to fight terrorism, and while the Bush administration, including Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, defended the practice, others argued it was illegal.

R. Mining tragedies
Sixteen West Virginia coal miners died in separate accidents in January, as did one miner in Kentucky. In the first accident at the Sago mine in West Virginia, a terrible miscommunication led the families to believe the men were alive after a 41-hour rescue.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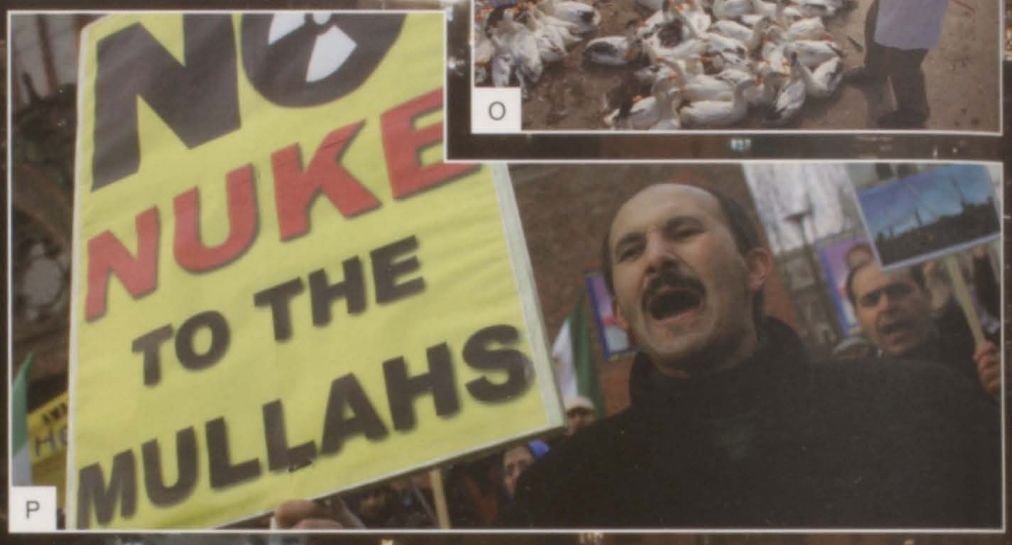

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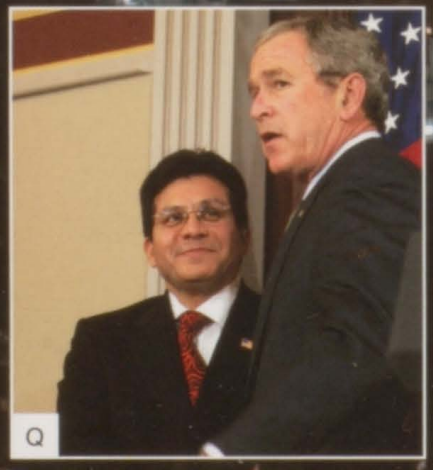
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The U.N. sought more international aid for Africa, where conflicts and food shortages continued.

Economists estimate China is the world's fourth-largest economy.

Leyan Lo, 20, spent only 11.13 seconds solving the Rubik's Cube puzzle, setting a new record.

I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, an aide to Vice President Dick Cheney, was indicted in the investigation into who leaked a CIA officer's name.

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You said it...

Are you concerned about a possible worldwide outbreak of a deadly strain of the "bird flu?"

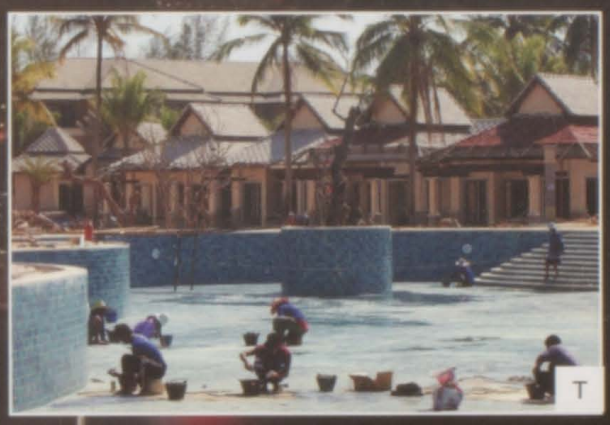
YES 74.4%

NO 25.6%

Survey results compiled from responses of 2,000 high school students across the nation.

S. Stroke affects election

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffered a massive stroke three months before March elections. Sharon had formed a new political party, Kadima, and was seeking support at the polls as he attempted to reach a peace agreement with Palestinians.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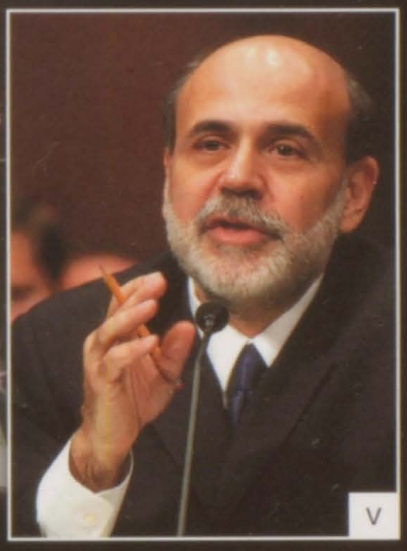
T. Tsunami recovery

Tourists began returning to areas in Asia where a tsunami swallowed people, towns and livelihoods on Dec. 26, 2004. Aid came from across the globe to the dozen countries that were hit. In the U.S., the relief effort was headed by an unlikely pair – former presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

U

U. Paris ablaze

France endured 18 nights of rioting that started in the poor suburbs of Paris. The arsons and other acts of destruction began after the accidental electrocution of two teens who thought police were chasing them, and turned into protests against the government for racial discrimination and unemployment.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V. A new money man

Ben Bernanke was appointed by President Bush to be the new chairman of the Federal Reserve board, a position that directs monetary policy for the U.S. and affects your wallet. Bernanke, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, replaced Alan Greenspan, who was the much-watched Federal Reserve chairman for 18 years.

W

W. ARRGG!

An old-fashioned battle of the sea was won with today's technology. Pirates attacked the Seabourn Spirit cruise ship off the coast of Somalia with grenade launchers and machine guns, but never got close enough to board. The cruise ship crew used a sonic device to send an ear-splitting noise toward the pirates, then shifted to high speed and changed course.

More than 1,200 people died when an Egyptian ferry sank in the Red Sea.

Dr. Michelle Bachelet, jailed under a previous dictatorship, was elected president of Chile.

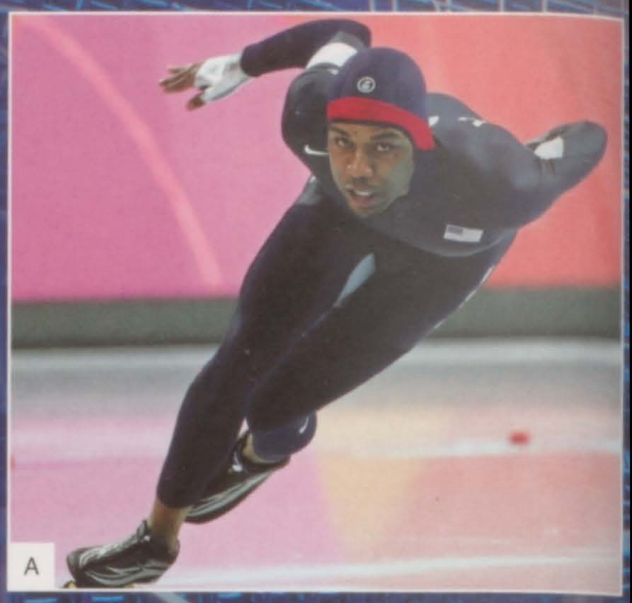
Ted Koppel , who started ABC's *Nightline*, stepped down after 25 years.

Cindy Sheehan, whose soldier son was killed in Iraq, launched protests near President George W. Bush's Texas ranch.

A–E Games of Turin

Turin, Italy stepped onto the world stage and played host to the Winter Olympics for two weeks in February. It was the largest Winter Olympics ever, with 2,500 athletes representing 82 countries competing in 84 events.

Long-track speedskating turned into one of the American team's best events. Shani Davis (A) won the Gold medal in the men's 1,000 meters and became the first African-American champion in Winter Olympics history. Former inline skating champion Chad Hedrick became an Olympic speedskating champion in the men's 5,000 meters just three years after taking the ice in the sport for the very first time. They were joined at the top of the podium by teammate Joey Cheek, who sprinted to Gold in the men's 500 meters.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Snowboarding was also ruled by the U.S. Shaun White (B), nicknamed "The Flying Tomato" for his bright red hair and acrobatic moves on the extreme sports circuit, won the Gold medal in the Men's Halfpipe. The 19-year old White showed nervousness when he fell during qualifying, but he recovered to win the Gold with a flourish in the finals. Other American winners included Hannah Teter in the Women's Halfpipe and Seth Wescott in the Men's Cross.

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Ted Ligety (C) gave the U.S. ski team a boost by winning the Alpine Combined. It was the first Olympic appearance for the relatively unknown Ligety. He became only the fourth American male to win an Alpine Olympic Gold medal.

C

It was not all positive news for the U.S. Snowboarder Lindsey Jacobellis (D) poignantly summed up the highs and lows of the Olympic journey. Jacobellis was easily racing to victory in the finals of the Women's Cross when she threw too much style into an aerial and crashed. Jacobellis was unable to recover in time to keep her lead, and she was forced to settle for the Silver medal.

Figure skater Michelle Kwan (E) was forced to withdraw because of injury. Several other U.S. stars, including skiers Bode Miller, Daron Rahlves and figure skater Johnny Weir turned in disappointing performances. Figure skater Sasha Cohen, a Gold medal favorite for the U.S., stumbled to a Silver medal after falling during the Ladies free skate.

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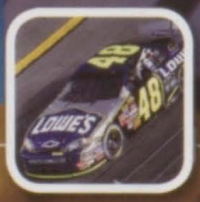
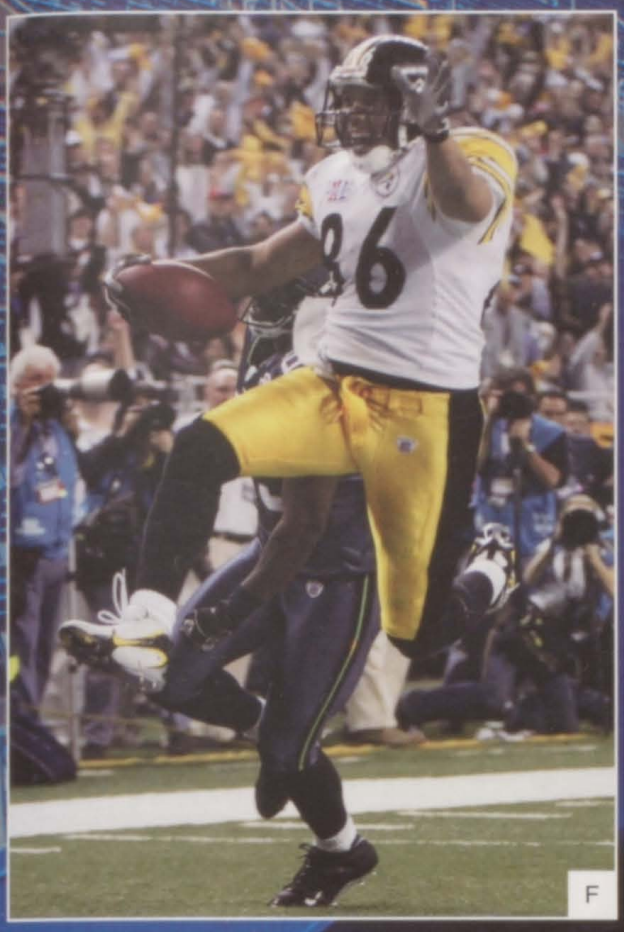
After 36 years on ABC, *Monday Night Football* left the network and moved to ESPN.



Jimmie Johnson won the 2006 Daytona 500.

Tiger Woods won his 10th major championship, taking the British Open for the second time.



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F. Men of Steel
The Pittsburgh Steelers capped an improbable championship run by defeating the Seattle Seahawks in Super Bowl XL, 21-10. Pittsburgh was the last team to qualify for the AFC playoffs, and the Steelers made it to the title game by becoming the first team in NFL history to win three straight playoff games on the road. Wide receiver Hines Ward was chosen Super Bowl MVP after he grabbed five catches for 123 yards, including the game-clinching 43-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

G. White Sox champs again...finally
The Chicago White Sox eased the pain of long-suffering Windy City baseball fans by winning their first World Series title in 86 years, sweeping the Houston Astros in four games. Chicago was dominant in the playoffs with an 11-1 record.

H. Back on the ice
After losing an entire season to labor strife for the first time in league history, NHL owners and players settled their differences and returned to the rink. The new season arrived with a slew of rule changes as well, designed to speed up the game.

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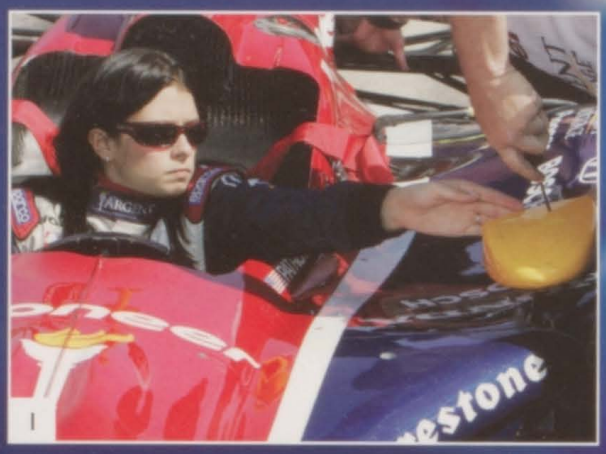
Annika Sorenstam remained the top female golfer, winning 10 times on the LPGA tour.

The Los Angeles Galaxy won their second MLS Cup title with a 1-0 overtime victory over the New England Revolution.

Legendary sports broadcaster Curt Gowdy died at the age of 86.

I. Danica in the driver's seat
Danica Patrick was not the first woman to ever race in the Indy Racing League, but she might have made the biggest splash, qualifying and finishing fourth at the Indy 500, the highest finish ever by a rookie driver. The 23-year-old Patrick went on to win IRL rookie of the year after several top 10 finishes.

J. A bumpy ride
Cyclist Lance Armstrong pedaled his way through another newsworthy year, winning the Tour de France for a record seventh consecutive time, then retiring from the sport, announcing his engagement and break-up to rock star Sheryl Crow and again being forced to respond to doping allegations from the French media.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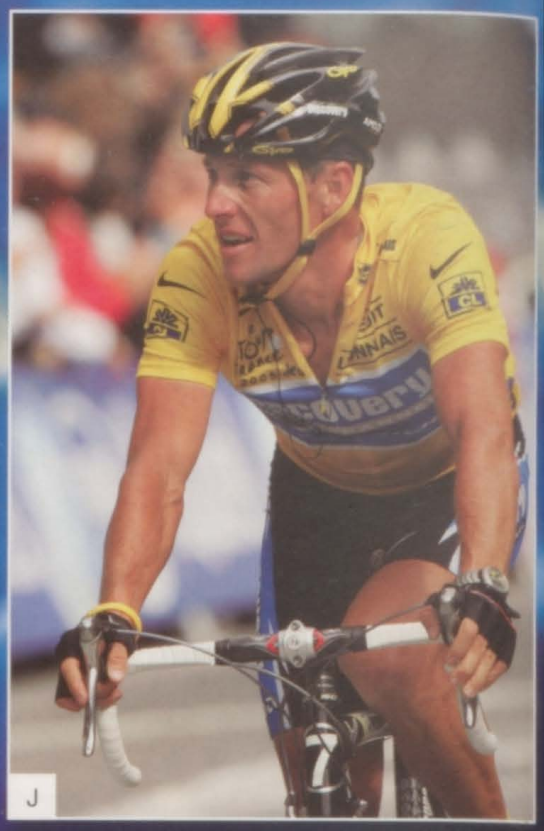
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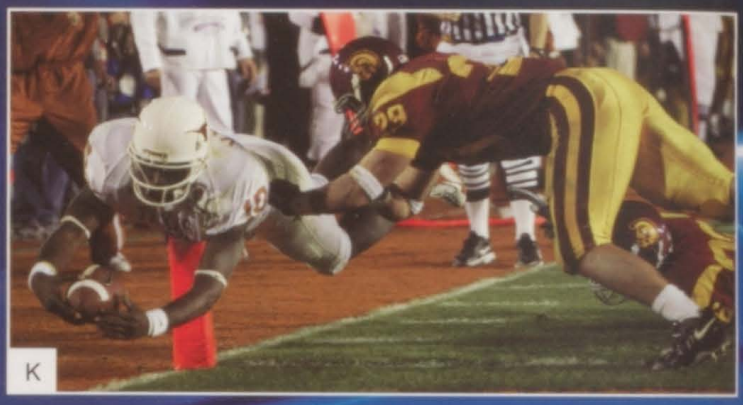
K. One for the ages
USC's Heisman Trophy teammates, running back Reggie Bush and quarterback Matt Leinart, were not quite good enough to win a third straight college football national title, as the Trojans fell to Texas, 41-38, in the dramatic championship game at the Rose Bowl. Texas quarterback Vince Young stole the show, scoring the game-winning touchdown with 19 seconds left.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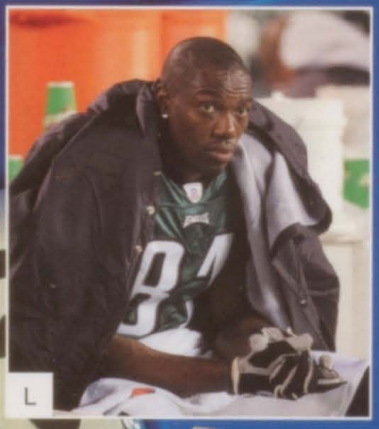
L. No more T.O.
Just one year after helping the Philadelphia Eagles reach the Super Bowl, wide receiver Terrell Owens got suspended from the team in midseason, due to his detrimental conduct. The problems started when the outspoken and controversial Owens got upset that the team would not re-negotiate his contract.

M. Sensational Stewart
Behind a season that included five wins and 24 top 10 finishes, NASCAR driver Tony Stewart won his second Nextel Cup championship. Often referred to in the past as the bad boy of racing due to his short temper, Stewart joined Jeff Gordon as the only multiple Cup winner among active drivers.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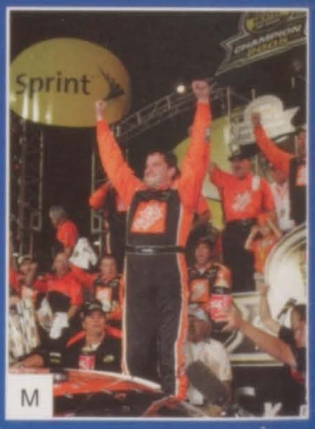

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Hurricane Katrina forced many New Orleans sports teams, including the NFL's Saints and NBA's Hornets, into playing long stretches on the road.

New studies showed that the high school sport with the largest increase in participation was bowling.

The first World Baseball Classic took place in the spring.

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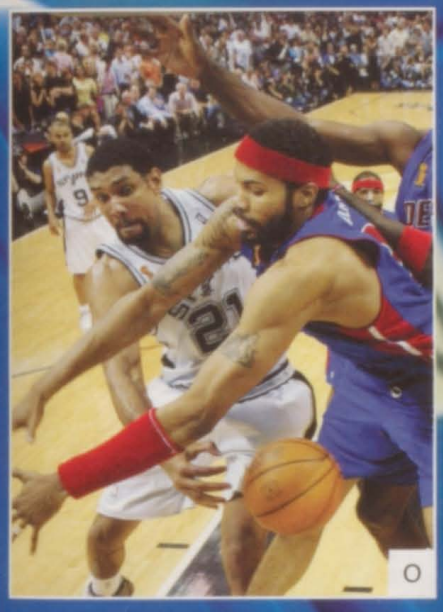
N. Golden retirement
Considered by many the greatest golfer of his time, Jack Nicklaus decided to retire from competitive golf at the age of 65. Nicklaus won 18 major championships in his career, more than anybody in history. In his final round at the British Open, Nicklaus ended in style by sinking a 15-foot birdie on the final hole.

O. Two of a kind
The San Antonio Spurs and Detroit Pistons, respective winners of the previous two NBA championships, continued their domination. The two teams met in the 2005 NBA Finals, with the Spurs winning in seven games. Both rolled along during the 2006 season, compiling two of the best records in basketball by the All-Star Break.



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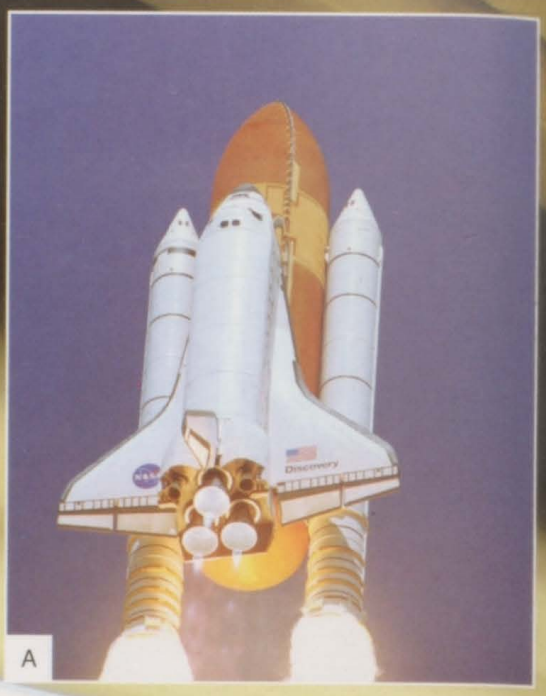
P. Cleaning up the game
Baseball's steroid use scandal continued, with many high-profile players even testifying at Congressional hearings. Baltimore Orioles star Rafael Palmiero denied use, then tested positive and was suspended during the season. After the 2005 season, Major League Baseball instituted a stricter steroid testing policy.

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant scored 81 points in one game, the second highest individual total in NBA history.

USC running back Reggie Bush won the Heisman Trophy in a landslide vote.

Swiss tennis star Roger Federer stayed number one in the world by winning Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and the Australian Open.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A. Shuttle back in orbit

Two years after the Columbia tragedy grounded NASA's manned space flight program, space shuttle Discovery returned NASA to outer space with a successful two-week mission. However, anxious moments came after foam insulation knocked loose on take-off caused a two-day delay in Discovery's return to Earth.

B. Science or religion?

Communities and school districts ferociously debated the merits of Intelligent Design, a concept that asserts certain aspects of the living world seemed to be caused by an intelligent source, rather than a random process such as natural selection. Opponents claimed it was religion masquerading as science, while proponents insisted it should be a respected point of view.

C. Space tourist

American scientist Gregory Olsen paid $20 million for a 10-day trip to the International Space Station. Olsen, the co-founder and chairman of his own fiber-optics company, made the trip aboard a Russian rocket and became only the third civilian to become a "space tourist."

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D. 360 around the world

Microsoft released its newest gaming system, Xbox 360, just in time for the holidays and prompted shoppers to camp out in lines to gobble them up. The consoles were also launched with a new expanded service from Microsoft that allowed gamers worldwide to play one another.

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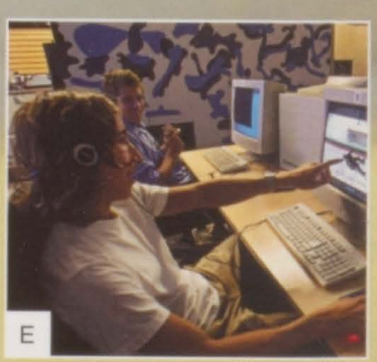
E. Generation MySpace

Teens continued becoming more immersed in the internet. MySpace.com, an online social community geared toward young adults and musicians, became one of the fastest-growing websites on the internet. Just two years old, MySpace's membership approached 50 million users and began getting more hits than Google and AOL. Elsewhere, popular online encyclopedias like Wikipedia started to be viewed as viable reference tools, despite debates regarding its accuracy.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Ocean researchers in Japan captured photos of a giant, 60-foot squid, thought to be one of the largest creatures in the sea.

Stem cell scientist Woo Suk Hwang was accused of fabricating lab results.

Clark, Texas, a suburb of Fort Worth, officially changed its name to Dish, Texas, in order to win 10 years of free satellite TV service from DISH Network.

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F. Lost World

Conservation groups on an expedition into the remote tropical jungles of Indonesia discovered dozens of new animal and plant species. The scientists reportedly found up to 20 new types of frogs and a species of tree kangaroo (pictured) that was previously thought to be extinct.

G. Park for free

Salt Lake City joined a growing list of American cities that began offering free metered downtown parking for more environmentally friendly vehicles. To qualify, cars needed to get at least 50 miles to the gallon or be a hybrid powered by an alternative fuel. Other cities that offered similar programs included Austin, Texas and New Haven, Conn.

H. Landmark surgery

Doctors in Miami successfully removed a 16-pound tumor from the face of Marlie Casseus, a 14-year-old Haitian girl suffering from a rare genetic disorder. Casseus was brought to the United States for the procedure after aid workers in Haiti discovered her case. Donations from all over the world helped Casseus' family pay the medical bills.

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I. Monkey business

A group of American scientists announced that they successfully decoded the DNA of the chimpanzee, considered the closest relative to humans in nature. By comparing the chimp DNA to human DNA, the doctors hoped to discover the roots of various diseases.

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What is your favorite website?

Myspace.com 25.7%

Google 11.5%

Xanga.com 5.7%

Survey results compiled from responses of 2,000 high school students across the nation.

You said it...

NASA launched the New Horizons probe, with a planned trip to explore the planet Pluto expected to take 10 years.

Due to high costs, Sony pulled the plug on Aibo, its robotic dog program.

Australian doctors Barry Marshall and Robin Warren won the Nobel Prize in Medicine for their break-through research on stomach ulcers.

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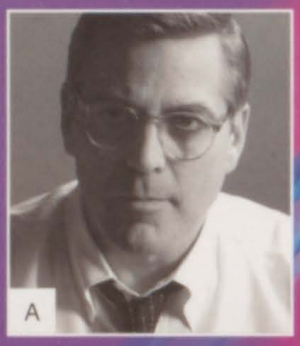
A. By George, a great year

Already one of America's most popular movie stars, George Clooney added critical acclaim to his resume by earning two Oscar nominations. Clooney received a Best Supporting Actor nod for his role as a CIA spy in the thriller *Syriana*, and a Best Director nomination for the Edward R. Murrow biopic *Good Night, and Good Luck*, which also was nominated for Best Picture.

B. A slice of real life

The films honored with Best Picture Oscar nominations relied heavily on real events. *Munich* told the story of fallout from the terrorist attacks at the 1972 Olympics, *Good Night, and Good Luck* focused on 1950s TV journalist Edward R. Murrow, and *Capote* examined the life of famed writer Truman Capote. Other Best Picture nominees included *Brokeback Mountain* and *Crash*.



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C. King of the mountain

An updated version of the classic tale of *King Kong* made it into theaters around New Year's. The big-budget, special effects blockbuster once again told the story of the giant ape discovered on a mysterious tropical island, who is brought to Depression-era New York as a sideshow act.

C

D. May the force be with you... always

The long-awaited final movie in the Star Wars saga, *Revenge of the Sith*, dominated the box office and became one of the highest grossing films of all-time, earning nearly $400 million. Despite the critical and financial success of Sith, series creator George Lucas vowed the story was over and no more Star Wars movies would be made.

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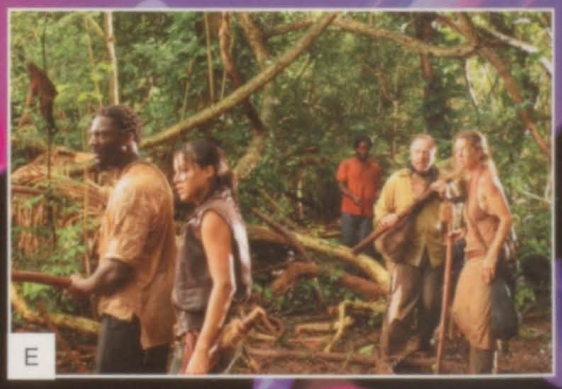
E. Not Lost on the audience

Lost, ABC's adventure series about a group of people stranded on a mysterious island after a plane crash, won Best Drama Series at the Emmy Awards and continued to attract nearly 20 million viewers each week.



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Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon both got Oscar nominations for playing Johnny and June Carter Cash in *Walk the Line*.

Popular children's tale, *Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, was made into a hit movie.

You said it...

What is your favorite type of music?

Rap/Hip-hop – 27.9%

Rock – 26.5%

Country – 15.8%

Survey results compiled from responses of 2,000 high school students across the nation.

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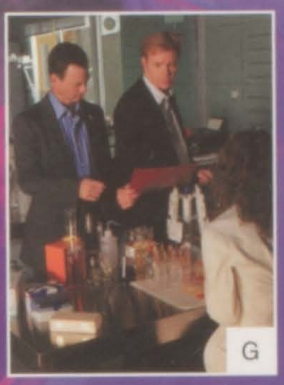
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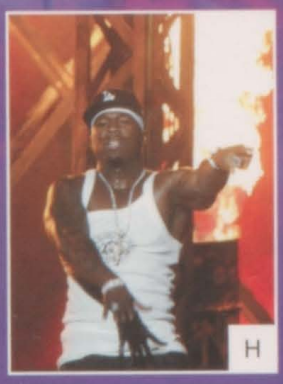
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F. Back in the spotlight

After her career seemed derailed due to a series of highly publicized emotional troubles, R&B singer Mariah Carey staged a huge comeback when her new album, *The Emancipation of Mimi*, ended up as the highest seller of the year. The record earned Carey three Grammy awards.

G. Can't get enough *CSI*

TV viewers continued to be infatuated with CBS' batch of crime dramas. *CSI* was still the most watched show on network TV. *CSI: Miami* and *CSI: New York* also drew huge ratings.

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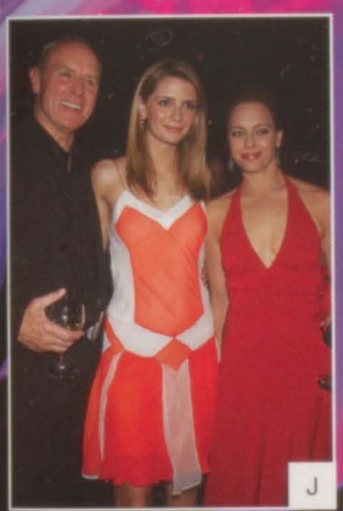
H. 50 Cent worth millions

Rapper 50 Cent put out another hit album, with *The Massacre* selling more than 5 million copies. He also starred in the *hit* movie *Get Rich or Die Tryin*, which was loosely based on his life story.

I. Potter mania rampant again

Release of the sixth book in the popular Harry Potter series created quite a stir. *Harry Potter and the Half-blood Prince* sold more than 10 million copies, and author J.K. Rowling stunned many readers by killing off one of the story's main characters. The latest Harry Potter movie (based on the fourth book), *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, ruled the box office in the fall.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J. Familiar faces

Ratings showed that several familiar TV shows continued to be big hits with the young teen audience. *Gilmore Girls*, *The OC*, *Smallville* and *Veronica Mars* were among those that stayed popular.

K. Penguins everywhere

Documentary film *March of the Penguins* drew in nearly $80 million at the box office, a previously unheard of figure for its genre. Critical praise and positive word of mouth helped the movie, which fascinated millions with its story about the mating rituals of penguins at the South Pole.

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Wedding Crashers was the comedy hit of the year, raking in more than $200 million.

Gwen Stefani released her first solo album, which included number one hit song "Hollaback Girl."

L. Whole new idols
Carrie Underwood won the fourth season of musical reality TV show *American Idol*. By the spring, 24 new hopefuls were picked as finalists for the fifth season. Meanwhile, past winners Kelly Clarkson and Fantasia became the first Idol alums to earn Grammy nominations.

M. Womack wins
Straying away from the trend of pop-infused country music, Lee Ann Womack was rewarded with three wins at the CMA Awards. Womack's traditional country record, *There's More Where That Came From*, won Album of the Year and her ballad "I May Hate Myself in the Morning" won Song of the Year.

N. The first lady
So when will the U.S. have a female president? In the world of fictional TV, it happened this year. ABC's *Commander In Chief* cast Geena Davis in the role of the president, and the drama series became the highest-rated new show on the air.

O. Gone, but not forgotten
Famed American comedian Richard Pryor died after a long battle with multiple sclerosis. Other noteworthy entertainers to pass away included R&B singer Luther Vandross, actresses Anne Bancroft and Shelley Winters, and actor Pat Morita, the beloved Mr. Miyagi from The Karate Kid movies.

P. 8 is enough
On the 20th anniversary of his famous charity concert Live Aid, music producer Bob Geldof reprised the event by staging Live 8, a series of charity concerts that took place in eight countries during the first week of July. Estimates indicated that more than one million people attended and more than 1,000 musicians performed at Live 8.

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Green Day won five honors at the MTV Music Video Awards.

Shock jock Howard Stern jumped to satellite radio, signing a $500 million deal with Sirius.

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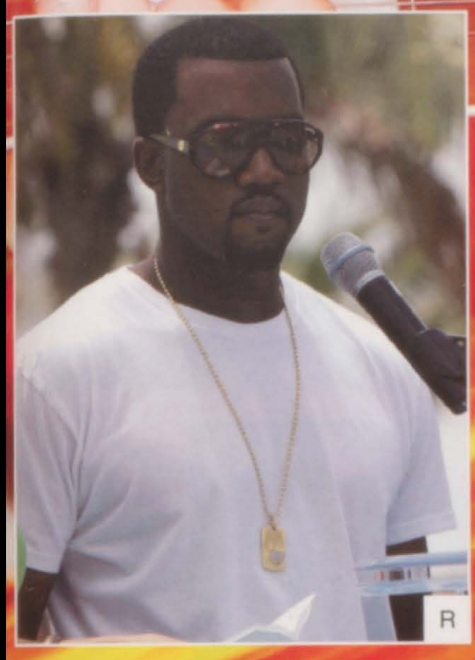

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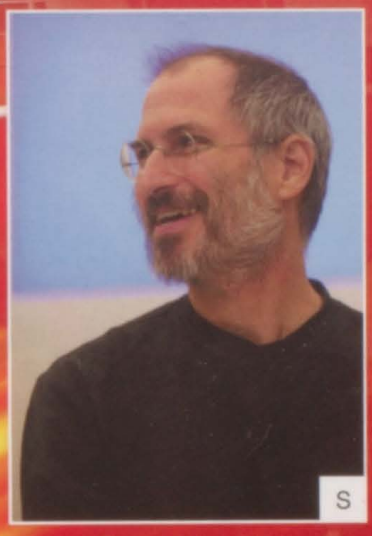

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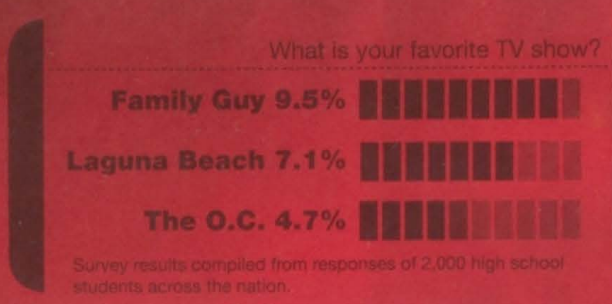
Popular *Newlyweds* Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey called it quits.

Oprah Winfrey celebrated the 20th anniversary of her popular daytime talk show.

Five movies starring 11-year old actress Dakota Fanning were released, including *War of the Worlds*.



Q. Good works rewarded
U2 lead singer Bono received another prestigious honor, but this one had nothing to do with his music. Bono, along with Microsoft founder Bill Gates and his wife, Melinda, were chosen Persons of the Year by *Time* magazine for their global charitable efforts to fight poverty and disease.

R. Kanye keeps up
Controversial rapper Kanye West made headlines for his music, with his latest album *Late Registration* earning eight Grammy nominations, and for his mouth after he criticized President George W. Bush's handling of Hurricane Katrina.

S. A new job with Disney
Steve Jobs, co-founder and CEO of Apple Computers, strengthened his status as a pop culture icon after his Pixar Animation Studios, the creator of popular computer animated movies like *The Incredibles* and *Toy Story*, agreed to a merger with longtime partner Walt Disney Pictures. In the process, Jobs became the largest shareholder in Disney.

T. A million questions
Author James Frey garnered critical acclaim for his best-selling self-help memoir *A Million Little Pieces*, which told the story of how he overcame a life of crime and drug addiction. However after much public scrutiny, Frey admitted that large portions of the book were exaggerated and embellished.

U. Back on the air
A grassroots fan movement, driven largely by DVD sales, prompted Fox to bring back animated comedy series *Family Guy*. The show, centered on the wild antics of an off-the-wall Rhode Island family, a diabolical one-year old baby and their talking dog, had been cancelled by Fox in 2002.

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YEAR IN REVIEW 2006

A. I want my iPod TV

When Apple Computers developed the latest generation of its popular iPod digital music player, users were thrilled to find they could now download video files. In the first three weeks of the new service, iPod users bought more than one million video podcasts.

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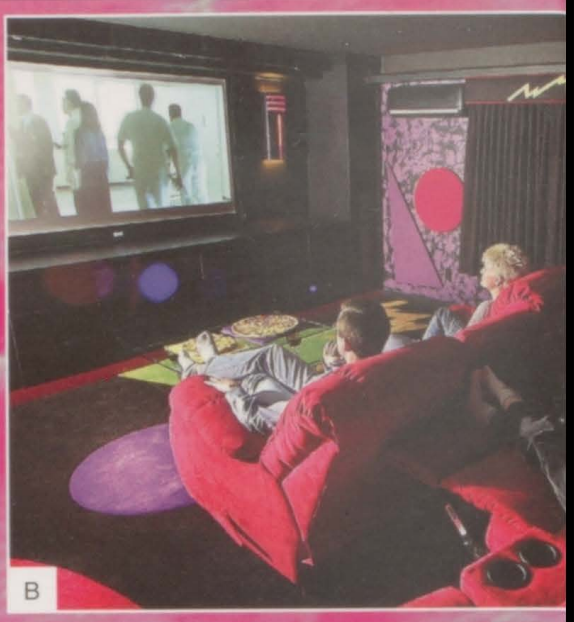
B. Movies at home

Box office numbers were down and movie theaters sold fewer tickets, but many industry analysts said the decline was due to the growing number of people with high-tech home theaters simply choosing to wait a few months for films to go to DVD.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C. A chip in poker craze

While some analysts think poker peaked in popularity, the card game remained a pastime, with some teens holding supervised games at home and watching tournaments on television. Some adults spoke out against teens playing poker, since it is gambling.

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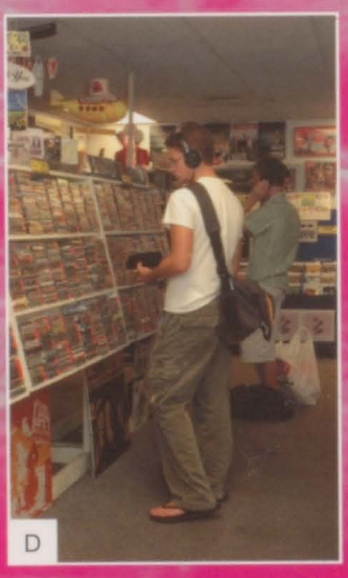
D. Digital revolution

Downloadable digital music continued to drastically alter the recording industry. Studies showed that the sales of CDs and albums were down eight percent over the previous year, while sales of digital singles increased 150 percent.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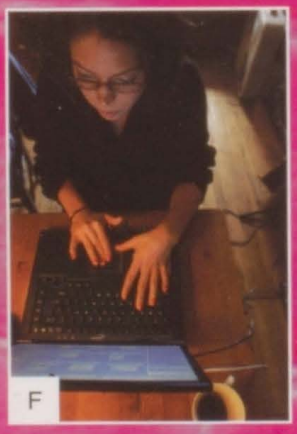
E. Play for work

It's not just fun and games. More colleges began offering courses and degrees related to video games as the industry becomes serious business. The colleges are feeding a demand for skilled developers and technicians.

F. Blog this

A study showed that half of all teens and 57 percent of teens who use the internet have created a blog or website or posted something online. The study by Pew Internet and American Life Project was conducted to look at falling newspaper readership.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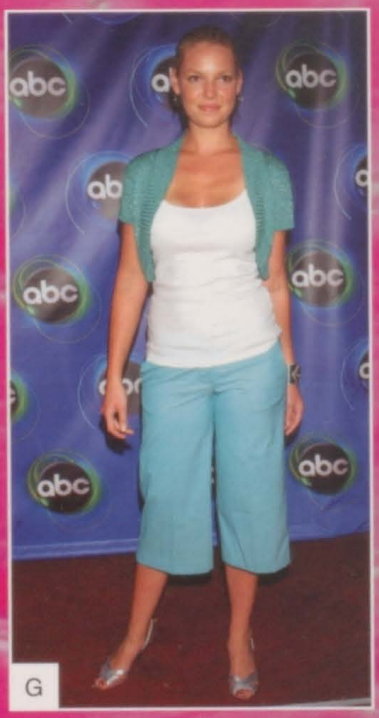
G. Shrug it off

For dressing up this year, shrugs and gauchos were the rage for girls of all ages, while other students who wanted to dress down did not even bother with regular clothes – they just wore their PJs to school.



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You said it...

Do you own an IPod or other similar MP3 player for downloadable music and video?

YES 56.7%

NO 43.3%

What was the trendiest new clothing/accessory this year?

Sequin purses 10.7%

Ripped jeans 9.1%

Boots/Ugg Boots 6.3%

Survey results compiled from responses of 2,000 high school students across the nation.

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